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Acronyms

ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
EA	Environmental Assessment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EP	Engineer Pamphlet
ER	Engineer Regulation
MP	Master Plan
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NRRS	National Recreation Reservation Service
OMP	Operational Management Plan
P.L.	Public Law
SMP	Shoreline Management Plan
URL	uniform resource locator

1. Introduction

1.1 Overview

The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Little Rock District is proposing to revise the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System's (MKARNS) Master Plans. A Master Plan (MP) guides the management of the government-owned lands managed by USACE adjacent to the lakes and river. The MP affects future management of natural resources and recreational opportunities to ensure the sustainability of the MKARNS.

The MP revision will set the stage for a later update of the Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan (SMP), which is how the vision of the MP is implemented. The MP is the guidance document that describes how the resources of the lakes and river will be managed in the future and provides the vision for how the lakes and river should look in the future. The MP does not address the details of how and where shoreline use permits may be issued. After the MP is revised and when funding becomes available, the Operational Management Plan (OMP) for the MKARNS and SMP for Lake Dardanelle will be revised to be consistent with the goals identified in the MP.

The current MKARNS MPs were developed over 40 years ago, and original estimates of future population and land use do not align with current demographics. The MP revision will re-classify the government lands managed by USACE around the MKARNS based on environmental and socioeconomic considerations, public input, and an evaluation of past, present, and forecasted trends.

USACE Engineer Regulation (ER) and Engineer Pamphlet (EP) 1130-2-550 with Change 7 and Change 5, respectively, dated January 30, 2013, establish guidance for developing MPs and Operational Management Plans (OMPs) for USACE Civil Works projects. MPs are required for fee-owned lands, in addition to civil works projects, for which USACE has administrative responsibility for management of natural and manmade resources. The primary goals of a MP are to “prescribe an overall land use management plan, resource objectives, and associated design and management concepts” (EP 1130-2-550). MPs are reviewed every 5 years, and minor changes are made through supplements. A MP that has been excessively supplemented, is out-of-date, or does not serve its intended purpose due to changes in the project, should be revised.

USACE will be preparing an environmental assessment (EA) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (as amended), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) guidelines (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 1500-1508), and ER 200-2-2 Procedures for Implementing NEPA. The EA will evaluate the potential environmental effects of the MP revisions. However, an environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared if significant environmental effects are identified during preparation of the EA as a result of the MP revisions.

1.2 Purpose and Need for Master Plan Revision

The purpose of the project is to review and revise the current MKARNS master plans and consolidate them into a single master plan. The last revisions took place in 1976 and 1977. Updating and consolidating the master plans is now required for the following reasons:

- The existing plan format and mapping technology is outdated and not compliant with current Master Plan format and technology requirements.
- Current Corps policies/regulations, budget processes, business line performance measures, and priorities are not reflected.
- Customer uses have remained similar, but trends, facility and service demands have shifted in the past 30-40 years, ex. an increase in visitation and tourism.
- Demands on fixed resources challenge the existing master plan.
- Shoreline development resulting in environmental and management issues have continued to increase causing sustainability concerns.
- Partners and stakeholders are engaged with the Corps and seek to increase and sustain benefits provided by the system.
- To provide an alternative recreational and natural resource experience for visitors to the MKARNS.
- To ensure project lands and water are not adversely impacted.
- To align past and current management practices and land classifications.
- To provide consistent policy guidance and direction for management of resources along the MKARNS within the Little Rock District.

1.3 Project Area

The MKARNS is part of the inland waterways of the United States originating at the head of navigation (Tulsa Port of Catoosa) and running southeast through Oklahoma and Arkansas to the Mississippi River. The MKARNS was authorized by the Rivers and Harbors Act of July 24, 1946. The Little Rock District operates 308 river miles of the 445-mile River System which includes approximately ~50,000 acres of land with the authorized purposes of both the land and water to include Navigation, Hydropower, Recreation, Environmental Stewardship, and Water Supply.

The MKARNS provides many recreational opportunities, along with fish and wildlife habitat. Within the Little Rock District, there are seventy-four parks on the MKARNS project. Forty-three of these parks are presently operated by USACE. Twenty-two parks are operated by City or County governments. Six parks are operated by State agencies. Two parks are operated by Friends of /nonprofit groups. Three commercial marinas are located within park boundaries. In addition, there are five future parks and two closed parks. The USACE managed lands around Ozark and Dardanelle Lakes also provide for other popular recreational activities, including hiking, hunting, swimming, and picnicking. The USACE managed lands near pools 2, 4 and 5 provide additional hunting, wildlife viewing and hiking opportunities. Reference Table 1-1 for current recreation areas and who manages these areas.

Table 1-1 Recreation Areas

Recreation Area	Location/Pool/ Lake	Status	Management
Ft Smith Park	Pool 13 Ft Smith, AR	Leased	City of Ft Smith
Lee Creek	Pool 13 Ft Smith, AR	Leased	City of Van Buren
Springhill	Pool 13 Barling, AR	USACE	USACE
Haroldton Access	Pool 13 Barling, AR	USACE	USACE Day Use
Vache Grasse	Ozark Lake Lavaca, AR	Leased	AGFC
River Ridge	Ozark Lake Cecil, AR	Leased	Friends of River Ridge
Vine Prairie	Ozark Mulberry, AR	Leased	City of Mulberry
Bectum Hill	Ozark Mulberry, AR	Future	USACE
Bluff Hole	Ozark Mulberry, AR	Leased	City of Mulberry
Citadel Bluff	Ozark Cecil, AR	USACE	USACE Day Use
White Oak	Ozark Mulberry, AR	USACE	USACE Day Use
Aux Arc	Ozark Pool Ozark, AR	USACE	USACE
Reed Mtn	Ozark Pool Ozark, AR	Leased	City of Ozark
Clear Creek	Ozark Pool Alma, AR	USACE	USACE
West Creek	Dardanelle Lake Altus, AR	USACE	USACE Day Use
O'kane	Dardanelle Lake Paris, AR	USACE	USACE Day Use
Horsehead	Dardanelle Lake Hartman, AR	USACE	USACE Day Use
Six Mile	Dardanelle Lake Scranton, AR	USACE	USACE Day Use
Black Point	Dardanelle Lake Clarksville, AR	Leased	AGFC
Roseville	Dardanelle Lake Roseville, AR	USACE	USACE Day Use
Cane Creek	Dardanelle Lake Scranton, AR	Leased	AGFC
Spadra	Dardanelle Lake Clarksville, AR	USACE	USACE
Dublin	Dardanelle Lake Scranton, AR	Leased	City of Scranton
New Blaine	Dardanelle Lake New Blaine, AR	Leased	Logan County
Hartman City Park	Dardanelle Lake Hartman, AR	Leased	City of Hartman
Shoal Bay	Dardanelle Lake New Blaine, AR	USACE	USACE
Cabin Creek Slough	Dardanelle Lake Lamar, AR	Leased	AGFC
Cabin Creek	Dardanelle Lake Knoxville, AR	Leased	City of Knoxville
Hwy 64 Access	Dardanelle Lake Knoxville, AR	Leased	AGFC
Piney Bay	Dardanelle Lake London, AR	USACE	USACE
Flat Rock	Dardanelle Lake London, AR	Closed	USACE
Highway 64 Cove	Dardanelle Lake London, AR	Future	USACE
Delaware	Dardanelle Lake Delaware, AR	Leased	Friends of Delaware
LDSP Dardanelle	Dardanelle Lake Dardanelle, AR	Leased	Arkansas State Parks
LDSP Russellville	Dardanelle Lake Russellville, AR	Leased	Arkansas State Parks
Illinois Bayou	Dardanelle Lake Russellville, AR	Leased	City of Russellville
Dwight Mission	Dardanelle Lake Russellville, AR	Leased	City of Russellville
Washburn/Ouita	Dardanelle Lake Russellville, AR	Leased	City of Russellville

Veterans Memorial	Dardanelle Lake Russellville, AR	Leased	City of Russellville
Bona Dea	Dardanelle Lake Russellville, AR	USACE	USACE Day Use
Shiloh	Dardanelle Lake Russellville, AR	Leased	City of Russellville
Pleasant View	Dardanelle Lake Russellville, AR	Leased	City of Russellville
Recreation Area	Location/Pool/ Lake	Status	Management
Old Post Road	Dardanelle Lake Russellville, AR	USACE	USACE
Riverview	Dardanelle Lake Dardanelle, AR	USACE	USACE Day Use
Pontoon	Pool 9 Pontoon, AR	Leased	AGFC
Holla Bend	Pool 9 Dardanelle, AR	Future	USACE
Sweeden Island	Pool 9 Atkins, AR	Leased	AGFC
Sequoia	Pool 9 Oppelo, AR	Closed	USACE
Cherokee	Pool 9 Morrilton, AR	USACE	USACE
Point Remove	Pool 8 Morrilton, AR	Leased	City of Morrilton
Cypress Creek	Pool 8 Oppelo, AR	USACE	USACE Day Use
Cadron Settlement	Pool 8 Conway, AR	Leased	City of Conway
Cadron Creek	Pool 8 Conway, AR	Future	USACE
Toad Suck	Pool 8 Bigelow, AR	USACE	USACE
Old Ferry Landing	Pool 8 Conway, AR	Leased	City of Conway
Bigelow	Pool 7 Bigelow, AR	Leased	City of Bigelow
Fletcher Bend	Pool 7 Mayflower, AR	Future	USACE
Palarm	Pool 7 Mayflower, AR	Leased	City of Mayflower
Maumelle	Pool 7 Little Rock, AR	USACE	USACE
Cooks Landing	Pool 7 North Little Rock, AR	USACE	USACE Day Use
La Harpe View	Pool 7 Little Rock, AR	Leased	City of Little Rock
Burns Park	Pool 6 North Little Rock, AR	Leased	City of North Little Rock
Murray Park	Pool 6 Little Rock, AR	Leased	City of Little Rock
Willow Beach	Pool 6 Scott, AR	USACE	USACE
Dam Site 6 West	Pool 6 Little Rock, AR	USACE	USACE Day Use
Dam Site 6 East	Pool 6 Scott, AR	USACE	USACE Day Use
Tar Camp Park	Pool 5 Redfield, AR	USACE	USACE
Dam Site 5 West	Pool 5 Jefferson, AR	USACE	USACE Day Use
Ste. Marie Park	Pool 4 Pine Bluff, AR	USACE	USACE Day Use
Sheppard Island Park	Pool 4 Pine Bluff, AR	USACE	USACE Day Use
Trulock Park	Pool 3 Pine Bluff, AR	USACE	USACE Day Use
Rising Star Park	Pool 3 Grady, AR	USACE	USACE
Huffs Island Park	Pool 3 Grady, AR	USACE	USACE Day Use
Little Bayou Meto	Pool 2 Reydel, AR	USACE	USACE Day Use
Big Bayou Meto	Pool 2 Gillett, AR	USACE	USACE Day Use
Moore Bayou	Pool 2 Gillett, AR	USACE	USACE Day Use
Pendleton Bend Park	Pool 2 Dumas, AR	USACE	USACE
Jardis Point Park	Pool 2 Dumas, AR	USACE	USACE Day Use
Wilbur D. Mills Park	Pool 2 Dumas, AR	USACE	USACE
Merrisach Lake Park	Pool 2 Tichnor, AR	USACE	USACE

Notrebes Bend Park	Pool 2 Tichnor, AR	USACE	USACE Day Use
Wild Goose Bayou	Pool 1 Tichnor, AR	USACE	USACE Day Use

1.4 Purpose of this Report

The following report summarizes the public participation process for, and the public comments resulting from, the MKARNS MP revision public scoping comment period. “Scoping” is the process of determining the scope, focus, and content of a NEPA document. For a planning process such as the MP revision, the scoping process was also used as an opportunity to get input from the public and agencies about the vision for the MP update and the issues that the MP should address where possible.

2. Scoping Process

2.1 Overview

In accordance with NEPA and ER 200-2-2, USACE initiated the environmental compliance and review process for the MKARNS MP revision project. An EA will be prepared to identify potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts related to implementation of the MP. The process of determining the scope, focus, and content of a NEPA document is known as “scoping” and this occurs at the start of the process. Scoping is a useful tool to obtain information from the public and governmental agencies in order to help set the parameters of issues to focus on and analyze.

In March of 2020, a global coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) was declared. This prompted changes in the workforce, including USACE implementing telework schedules across the board to keep employees safe and social distanced. Additionally, due to the evolving Federal, State, and Local policies designed to address the spread of COVID-19, the project delivery team (PDT) determined that no in-person agency or public scoping workshops would occur until the threat of the virus subsided. Alternatively, the MKARNS Master Plan Revision website was created to be the primary source of information during this time. Website information was provided through various sources, including postcards, news releases, agency scoping letters, and media outreach, for individuals to visit the project website to find out more information about the process to update the master plan for the MKARNS; to solicit comments for scoping; and to communicate to the public of the reason behind changing the traditional USACE scoping process in response to the global pandemic. As part of the initial phase of the environmental process, an extended public scoping comment period was held between June 15, 2021 through August 27, 2021 to gather agency public comments on the MP revision process and issues that should be examined as part of the environmental analysis. There was an initial extension on the comment period from 30 days to 45 days as a response to the change in the traditional USACE scoping process due to the pandemic. There were two subsequent extensions following the 45-day comment period. The first extension beyond the initial 45-day comment period was due to unforeseen mailing delays with notification materials. The second extension beyond the 45-day comment period was due to website server errors that prevented the online comment form processing any comments for a period of two weeks. News releases were sent out to notify the public of both of these extensions beyond the 45-day scoping comment period.

In particular, the scoping process was used as an opportunity to get input from the public and agencies about the vision for the MP update and the issues that the MP should address. When people visited the MKARNS Master Plan update website, they were encouraged to provide input by completing a comment form that asked for responses to specific questions in addition to providing general comments about the plan and the environmental review. The questions included:

- How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?
- What about the MKARNS is most important to you?

- What about the MKARNS is least important to you?
- Additional comments on the Master Plan revision or about issues to be studied?

USACE published notice of the scoping period through an email notification, a direct mail postcard, press releases, and agency notification letters, and social media. The postcard notice and email notifications were sent to landowners adjacent to USACE-owned lands around the lake, holders of fishing permits purchased in Arkansas who's listed zip code is within 1 mile of USACE owned property, dock permit holders, marina slip owners, marina and resort owners, dock builders, and those who held reservations to camp along the MKARNS at campgrounds within the 2019 recreational season. Postcards were sent to those for whom only a postal address was available; all others received the email notification. Agency coordination letters were sent to potentially interested agencies.

2.2 Agency Scoping

Agencies were invited to participate in the scoping process and to provide input on the vision for the MKARNS MP and on issues that should be addressed through the environmental assessment. A letter was sent on June 3, 2021 to 48 agencies (Appendix A) providing notification of the upcoming scoping comment period and links to the project website where more information could be found.

2.3 Public Scoping

Public scoping is an important element in the process of determining the focus and content of a NEPA document. Scoping helps to identify the range of actions, alternatives, environmental effects, and mitigation measures to be analyzed in depth and helps eliminate from detailed study those issues that are not pertinent to the final decision. Scoping is an effective way to bring together and address the concerns of the public, agencies, and other interested parties.

Notification of the scoping comment period was completed via several forms of media as described further in this section.

2.3.1 Notification Database

USACE maintains a database of stakeholder groups interested in activities around the MKARNS, which includes resort and marina owners. Other databases maintained by USACE include shoreline use permit holders, boat slip owners, dock builders, and entities or individuals who maintain an outgrant on federally owned and USACE managed lands along the MKARNS. In addition, USACE developed a list of adjacent property owners based on the databases maintained by the county assessors of the surrounding counties. USACE also compiled a list of parties who had made campground reservations through the Recreation 1 Stop (R1S) reservation system for camping visits along the MKARNS during the 2019 camping season. USACE obtained the database of holders of fishing permits purchased in Arkansas who's listed zip code is within 1 miles of fee property managed by USACE along the MKARNS. Finally, a concerted effort was made to include individuals and entities along the MKARNS within the Little Rock District including but not limited to County Judges, City Mayors, Chamber of Commerce offices, navigation industry officials, levee board points of contacts, no-federal hydropower plants, water

supply users, water discharge stations, railroad industries, utility providers, agriculture lessees, and park lessees. These combined databases included 14,294 email addresses and 45,203 postal addresses, to which notification was sent about the public scoping comment period and website information.

2.3.2 Public Notification Activities

Strategies to engage the public to participate in the MP visioning and environmental review processes included (1) making it easy to participate, (2) providing easy-to-understand information that helps people provide informed scoping comments, and (3) ensuring that stakeholders are aware of the planning process and understand how public input will be used. In addition, and as stated earlier, it was important to USACE to communicate to the public why the traditional scoping process had changed during the pandemic—to protect the public and USACE employees and promote social distancing while still achieving the goal of soliciting for comments during the scoping comment period.

Each notification medium was assigned a unique short uniform resource locator (URL) to direct recipients to the project website for more information. This allowed USACE to track how people heard about the scoping period and the master planning process and evaluate the effectiveness of various notification methods for future projects.

2.3.2.1 Project Website

A project website, <https://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning/MKARNS-Master-Plan-Revision/>, was developed for the MP revision project. The site included information about the MKARNS, the MP revision process, and the scoping process. Information on the scoping process included, how to submit comments and who to contact for more information.

2.3.2.2 Direct Mail Notification

On June 30, 2021, 45,203 postcards were mailed to those listed in the notification database previously identified in section 2.3.1. The distribution of postcard recipients is illustrated in Figure 2-1 by zip code.

The postcard notification included information on the MP revision process, how to provide comments, the comment period closing date, and the project website address. The direct mail postcard is included in Appendix C. The postcard resulted in 500 visits to the project website during the comment period.

Although this Master Plan revision does not include changes to the Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan (SMP), land classification determinations around Lake Dardanelle may have a direct impact to the eligibility of future changes to Limited Development Areas within the Lake Dardanelle SMP. Therefore, letters were mailed to 16 individuals who had submitted a shoreline rezoning request for Lake Dardanelle prior to implementation of SWLR 1130-2-48 Shoreline Management at Civil Works Projects dated 06 January 2003. There were 38 individual shoreline rezoning requests on file at the Russellville Site office for Lake Dardanelle prior to the implementation of SWLR 1130-2-48. The Project Delivery Team (PDT) determined it pertinent to make a concerted effort to notify these individuals of the MKARNS Master Plan revision process. Of the original 38 requestors on file, USACE staff were able to verify 16 of these as the

original requestors with valid contact information on file. The remaining requests either became null and void due to change of ownership of the land that the request was based on, or USACE staff were unable to obtain valid contact information.

2.3.2.3 E-mail Notification

An e-mail notification was sent on June 14, 2021, to 14,294 email addresses. These emails were sent to adjacent property owners, private boat slip owners, boat dock builders, stakeholders, those listed on the R1S reservation list for whom valid email addresses were available as well as stakeholder groups listed in section 2.3.1 where a valid email address was available. Of the total emails sent, approximately 45 were returned as undeliverable. The information in the email notification was the same as the information on the postcard notification. The email notification resulted in 318 visits to the project website during the comment period.

2.3.2.4 Other Notification Activities

To maximize the coverage of the outreach effort for the scoping period, a media release was sent to local media outlets using the Southwestern Division, Little Rock District, Arkansas River media distribution list on June 11, 2021. The Little Rock District Public Affairs office also posted notifications of the scoping comment period and associated pertinent data on Facebook and Twitter. A copy of the press releases and social media posts are in Appendix C, and copies of the media coverage are in Appendix F.

2.3.2.5 Website Statistics

Each type of media notification (e.g., display ads, postcard, email, Facebook page, etc.) provided a different URL or specific web addresses to the project website. This was done in order to gather information on how people found out about and accessed the project website. The following is a list of the number of people who accessed the website organized by the media notification web address used. Between June 15, 2021, and August 27, 2021, there were 1,203 visits to the project website in total.

- 2.3.2.5.1 News release and newspaper display ads: 307
- 2.3.2.5.2 Email Notification: 318
- 2.3.2.5.3 Postcard notification: 500
- 2.3.2.5.4 Agency letter: 65
- 2.3.2.5.5 Comment cards: 11
- 2.3.2.5.6 Poster boards: 2

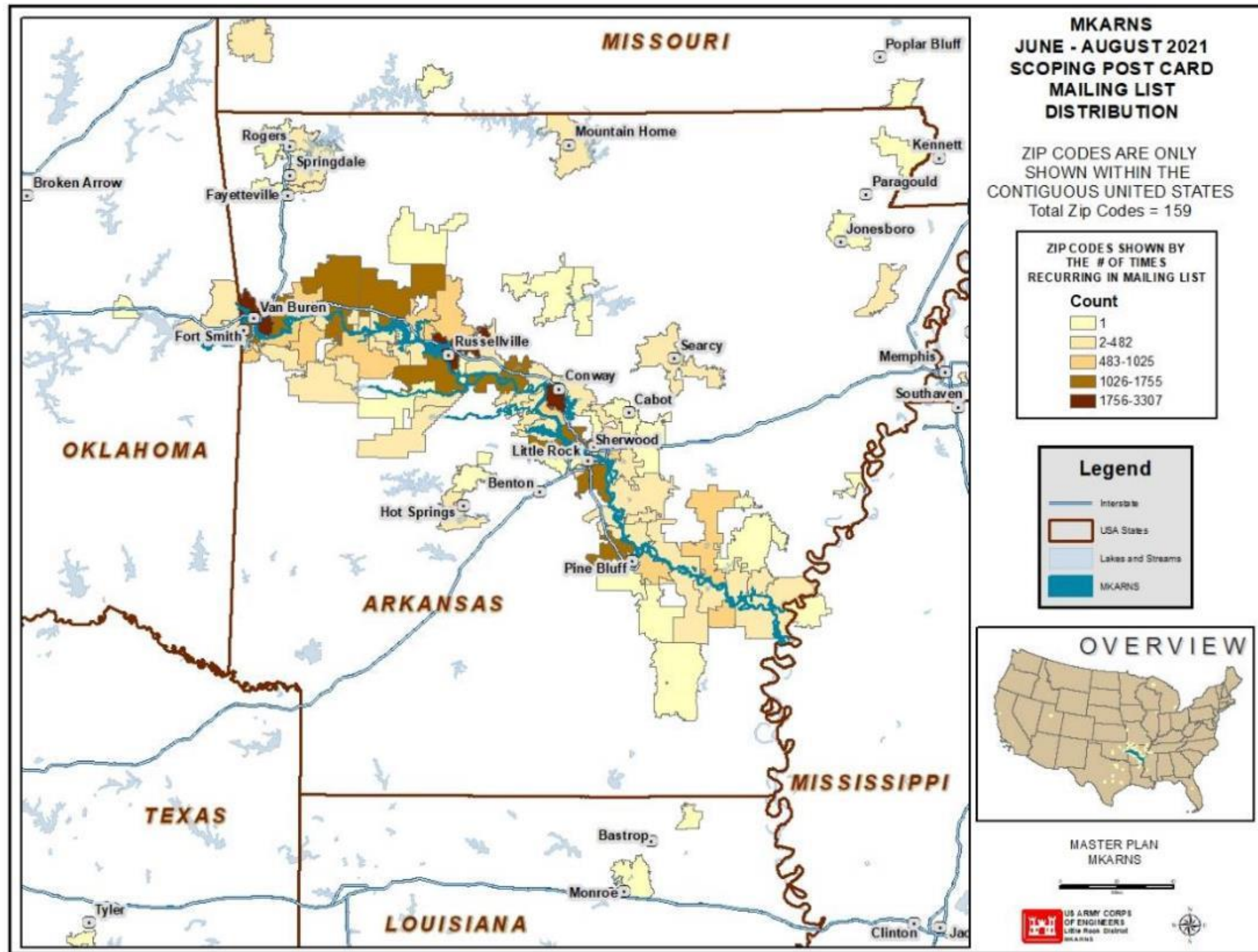
2.3.3 Comments Received

The public scoping comment period was from June 15 to August 27, 2021, which provided a 75-day comment period. All interested people were provided opportunities to submit comments on the public website comment form as well as via email, fax, or mail.

In total, approximately 35 comment submittals (letters, emails, comment cards, or oral comments) from members of the public and 11 comment submittals from agencies were received by the end of the comment period. Copies of all the public comments submitted during the

comment period are included in Appendix D. Copies of agency submittals are included in Appendix E.

Figure 2-1 Distribution of Postcard Notification by Zip Code



3. Summary of Scoping Comments

3.1 Introduction

USACE accepted comments on the MKARNS MP revision throughout the entire scoping period from June 15 through August 27, 2021. Agencies, community groups, members of the public, elected officials, and other interested parties submitted 46 letters, e-mails, and comment cards during this period. The summary table (Table 3-1) provides a tally of the topics discussed in the comments.

It should be noted that the combined numbers of comments listed in the following subsections and the summary table will be greater than the total number of comment submissions because most people discussed multiple topics in their submission. Topics covered in the comments included general comments about the plan and the environmental review as well as answers to the following questions:

- How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see long the MKARNS?
- What about the MKARNS is most important to you?
- What is least important to you?
- Additional comments on the Master Plan revision or about issues to be studied?

3.2 Summary of Comments

Table 3-1 provides a summary of the comments received during the scoping comment period. While this table does not include every comment received, it provides a general summary of the topics most frequently submitted during the comment period.

Table 3-1 Summary of Comments Received

<p>How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More shoreline/erosion protection (5) ▪ Debris cleanup/shoreline maintenance (5) ▪ Maintain/improve existing recreation facilities (4) ▪ Management of water levels (2) ▪ More enforcement of rules/patrolling (2) ▪ Family friendly (2) ▪ Increased development (1) ▪ Limit development (1) ▪ Natural beauty/pristine/peaceful (1) ▪ Campgrounds (1) ▪ Clean water/water quality (1) ▪ Increase wildlife viewing areas (1)
<p>What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reopen closed areas (7) ▪ Increase boat docks (5) ▪ Natural/protected shoreline (2) ▪ Recreational uses (2) ▪ Improve navigation/hazard buoys (1) ▪ Removal of buffer Zones (1) ▪ Permitting/regulations/restrictions (1) ▪ Litter reduction (1) ▪ Facility improvements (1) ▪ Controlled burn of shoreline areas (1)
<p>What about the MKARNS is most important to you?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fishing (5) ▪ More shoreline/erosion protection (4) ▪ More docks/marinas (3) ▪ Natural beauty/pristine/peaceful (3) ▪ Clean water (2) ▪ Camping (2) ▪ Recreational uses (1) ▪ More development/continued growth (1) ▪ Improve tourism (1) ▪ Public accessibility (1) ▪ Designation of Ozark Lake (1) ▪ Improve public relations (1) ▪ Increase law enforcement cooperation (1) ▪ Natural Resources Maintenance/Improvements (1) ▪ Boundary line (1)
<p>What is least important to you?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recreation uses (2) ▪ Pristine shoreline (2) ▪ Old Post & Maumelle campgrounds (1) ▪ Disc Golf (1) ▪ Fishing (1) ▪ Boating (1)
<p>Additional Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reopen closed areas (6) ▪ Allow additional underbrushing (2) ▪ Increase Wildlife Management Area (1) ▪ Fishing (1) ▪ More hiking trails (1) ▪ Increase designated parking (1) ▪ More shoreline/erosion protection (1) ▪ Natural beauty/pristine/peaceful (1)

3.3 Agency Comments

Ten agencies submitted comments during the scoping period. The official agency letters and emails are included in Appendix E. Agencies that commented during the comment period included:

- Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Entergy
- Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration
- Arkansas Commissioner of State Lands
- Arkansas Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife (USFWS)
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP)
- Southwest Power Administration (SWPA)

Common input from agencies included several “no comments” responses at this time but also provided general topics to be mindful of during the update process. Responding agencies requested to continue to be informed throughout the update process and indicated their interest in reviewing a draft document before it goes out for final review and approval.

Agency comments not covered in previous sections, as well as comments regarding specific areas along the MKARNS, are summarized in this section. The full text of the agency comments are available in Appendix E. Comments not covered in earlier sections or regarding specific areas of the lake include:

- Be mindful of the planned I-49 crossing of the MKARNS near Barling, Arkansas, Approximately between Nav. mile 291.3 and 291.7 (ARDOT)
- Request that the community floodplain administrator be contacted for the review and possible permit requirements for this project. If federally funded, we would request project to be in compliance with EO 11988 & EO 11990. (FEMA)
- Reclassification of areas associated with the MKARNS should include the proposed I-49 corridor and future highway bridge crossing the river at Barling, AR. (Arkansas Department of Agriculture)
- Recommend use of the US. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) online tool to develop a species list for properties included within the Master Plan. (USFWS)
- The AHPP anticipates aiding USACE in identifying the many known cultural and historical resources along the Arkansas River during the Master Plan revision that may be affected by USACE undertakings in the future. (AHPP)
- MP changes should not have negative impact hydropower operations at Ozark and Dardanelle. Request that the MP explicitly state that it does not address water control plans, water releases, or issues related to lake levels of projects on the MKARNS or upstream projects that release into the MKARNS. MP should also explain that

- individual project water control manuals dictate the water management at each project. (SWPA)
- Existing Conditions – EPA recommends the EA provide a detailed discussion of ambient air conditions, National Ambient Air Quality Standards, and criteria pollutant nonattainment areas in the vicinity of the project. (EPA)
 - Quantify Emissions – EPA recommends the EA estimate emissions of criteria and hazardous air pollutants (air toxics) from the proposed project and discuss the timeframe for release of these emissions over the lifespan of the project and describe and estimate emissions from potential construction activities, as well as proposed mitigation measures to minimize these emissions. The EA should also consider any expected air quality/visibility impacts to Class I Federal Areas identified in 40 CFR Part 81, Subpart D. (EPA)
 - Specify Emission Sources – EPA recommends the EA specify all emission sources by pollutant from mobile sources (on and off-road), stationary sources (including portable and temporary emission units), fugitive emission sources, area sources, and ground disturbance. This source specific information should be used to identify appropriate mitigation measures and areas in need of the greatest attention. (EPA)
 - Construction Emissions Mitigation Plan – EPA recommends the EA include a draft Construction Emissions Mitigation Plan and ultimately adopt this plan in the Record of Decision. EPA recommends all applicable local, state (e.g., coordination of land-clearing activities with the state air quality agency to determine air quality conditions such as atmospheric inversions prior to performing open burning activities), or Federal requirements (e.g., certification of non-road engines as in compliance with the EPA Tier 4 regulations found at 40 CFR Parts 89 and 1039) be included in the Construction Emissions Mitigation Plan in order to reduce impacts associated with emissions of particulate matter and other toxics from any potential construction-related activities. (EPA)

On September 23, 2021, a teleconference was held between representatives of the USACE and the EPA to discuss the comments received by the USACE from the EPA during the MKARNS Master Plan revision scoping comment period. As a result of the meeting, both agencies concluded that the comments provided to the USACE were a level of consideration that is outside of the scope of the MKARNS Master Plan revision. However, the USACE will continue to coordinate with the EPA throughout the revision process.

4. Next Steps: MP Revision Process

The purpose of scoping is to provide an opportunity for agencies and the public to comment on the purpose and need, the range of alternatives proposed for analysis, and to help the project proponent identify issues that should be evaluated in the NEPA document. USACE also used the public scoping process as an opportunity to gain feedback from the public regarding the scope of the MP revision.

4.1 Next Steps

The five questions were designed to help USACE elicit input not only on elements of the NEPA process but also on topics of interest to the public and agencies that may be revised or updated in

the revised MP. USACE will continue to work closely with the public, agencies, and stakeholder groups to address issues identified through scoping as the draft MP is developed and evaluated. An EA will be prepared to evaluate potential impacts from changes in the MP. However, an EIS will be prepared if significant environmental effects are identified during preparation of the EA as a result of the MP revisions. Both the draft MP and the EA will be made available for review and comment. It is anticipated that this public review will occur in the summer of 2022.

Individual responses to comments provided during scoping are not developed; rather, the draft MP revision that will be provided for review and comment will address comments received in a global manner. Where consistent with the purpose of an MP and where possible under the planning mechanisms available for an MP, USACE will incorporate the feedback and suggestions provided through the scoping comments.

4.2 Comments Related to Question 1 & 2

Question 1 “How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years?” and question 2 “What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?” provides direction to USACE on the MP vision and on issues of concern to lake users and stakeholders that should be evaluated through the NEPA process. Continued focus on shoreline erosion control measures, shoreline debris cleanup, proper maintenance, and improvements to existing recreation facilities, water level management, maintaining a family friendly atmosphere, and enforcing applicable rules and regulations ranked highest among the concerns raised in response to this two-part question. Most of these resource categories will be addressed in the MP revision, and potential impacts to these resource categories will be evaluated in the NEPA document. Comments mentioned but not addressed by the Master Plan generally relate to other management plans such as but not limited to the Water Control Plan, Operations Management Plan, or a Shoreline Management Plan, of which will not be addressed in this report or included as a part of the MKARNS MP revision process.

4.3 Comments Related to Questions 3 & 4

Question 3 “What about the MKARNS is most important to you?” and Question 4 “What is least important to you?” invited respondents to prioritize issues, features, or qualities of the MKARNS experience that were important. This question provides insight both into issues that should be addressed in the MP revision and that should be evaluated in the NEPA document. Top concerns were related to fishing, erosion control/protection, increased docks or marinas, and the natural beauty and pristineness of the MKARNS. The top responses related to what was least important indicated less of a focus should be put on recreational uses and protecting the pristine aspects of the shoreline.

4.4 Comments Related to Question 5

Question 4 “Additional comments on the Master Plan revision or about issues that should be studied?” helps USACE identify additional priorities for action, whether through the MP revision or other means. It is important to note that much of the input on the comment cards were provided within the first two question blocks on the online comment form. The online comment form provided ample space to provide input and therefore topics of discussion that may better fit

this more general question were provided early in the comment form. Input that was provided in this section included reopening closed recreational areas, allowing additional underbrushing within the fee boundary were predominant topics people would like to be taken into consideration. Additional comments in this section were consistent with comments provided in the first three questions and may be found in Table 3-1.

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Appendix A

Agencies and Organizations Notified of Scoping

Agencies:

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
- Department of Finance & Administration, Arkansas State Clearing House
- Arkansas Natural Resources Commission
- Arkansas Forestry Commission
- Arkansas Dept of Energy and Environment
- Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
- Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission
- U.S. Geological Survey
- Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region VI
- Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism
- Arkansas Department of Health
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
- Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Caddo Nation of Oklahoma
- National Park Service, Midwest Region
- Entergy Arkansas
- Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation
- Southwest Power Administration
- U.S. Department of the Interior
- Delta Heritage Trail State Park
- Arkansas Post Museum
- Arkansas Post National Memorial
- Little Rock Harbor Service
- Arkansas Waterways Commission

Organizations:

- Fort Smith, AR Chamber of Commerce
- Van Buren, AR Chamber of Commerce
- Conway, AR Chamber of Commerce
- Dardanelle, AR Chamber of Commerce
- Ozark, AR Chamber of Commerce
- Clarksville, AR Chamber of Commerce
- Alma, AR Chamber of Commerce
- Maumelle, AR Chamber of Commerce
- Little Rock, AR Chamber of Commerce
- North Little Rock, AR Chamber of Commerce
- Mulberry, AR Chamber of Commerce
- Dumas, AR Chamber of Commerce
- DeWitt, AR Chamber of Commerce
- Pine Bluff, AR Chamber of Commerce
- Little Rock, AR Chamber of Commerce
- White Hall, AR Chamber of Commerce
- Dale Bumpers – White River National Wildlife Refuge

Marinas:

- Spadra Waterfront Marina
- Dardanelle Marina
- Russellville Marina, Boat Repair & Cabins
- River Valley Marina

Dock Builders:

- Super Duty Inc.
- Lakeland Industries Inc.
- Ozark Boat Docks
- Williamson Construction Co.
- Power Source Solar Inc.

County Judges:

- Pope County, AR District Court Judge
- Sebastian County, AR District Court Judge
- Crawford County, AR District Court Judge
- Faulkner County, AR District Court Judge
- Yell County, AR District Court Judge
- Franklin County, AR District Court Judge
- Johnson County, AR District Court Judge
- Pulaski County, AR District Court Judge
- North Little Rock, AR District Court Judge
- Arkansas County, AR District Court Judge
- Desha County, AR District Court Judge
- Jefferson County, AR District Court Judge
- Lincoln County, AR District Court Judge

City Mayors:

- Russellville, AR City Mayor
- Fort Smith, AR City Mayor
- Conway, AR City Mayor
- Dardanelle, AR City Mayor
- Ozark, AR City Mayor
- Clarksville, AR City Mayor
- Maumelle, AR City Mayor
- Little Rock, AR City Mayor
- Mulberry, AR City Mayor

Levee Boards:

- Bateman Levee District No. 3
- Batesville Levee and Floodwall
- Baucum Levee/Drainage District*
- Big Gum Drainage District

- Central Clay Drainage District
- Conway & Pope County Levee District
- Conway County Drainage and Levee
- Conway County Levee District No. 10
- Conway County Levee District No. 8
- Crawford County Levee District
- Curia Creek Drainage District
- Dardanelle/Cardens Bottom Drainage District No. 1
- Tupelo Bayou Irrigation and Watershed District
- Fort Smith Levee and Floodwall
- Fourche Island Drainage District No. 2
- Holla Bend Levee District No. 1
- Holla Bend Levee District No. 2
- Jasper County Levee District No. 1
- Little Private Levee
- Little Red River Levee District No. 1
- Little Rock-Pulaski Drainage District No. 2
- Lower Hartman; McLean Bottom, pumpstation, six mile and Russellville Dyke
- Massey Alexander Levee District
- McLean Bottom Levee District No. 3
- Newport Levee District
- North Inter-River Drainage District
- North Little Rock Levee and Floodwall
- Old River Levee/Drainage District
- Ormand Peters Levee
- Perry County Levee District No. 1
- Plum Bayou Levee District
- Point Remove Creek Drainage and Levee District
- Pulaski County Farm Levee
- Riverdale Levee Improvement District No 134
- Rock Creek Levee and Floodwall
- Sloan
- Southern Enterprise Levee
- Stallings
- T. A. Gibson
- Tucker Lake Levee and Drainage
- Van Buren Levee and Floodwall
- Western Clay Drainage District No. 2 & 5
- Woodson Levee District

Appendix B

Agency Notifications



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72203-0867
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June 1, 2021

CESWL-OP-S

[INSERT AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE]
[INSERT AGENCY NAME]
[INSERT AGENCY ADDRESS]
[INSERT CITY, STATE, ZIP]

Dear *[Agency Representative]*,

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Little Rock District, is revising the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS) Master Plan, which was last updated in 1976 and 1977. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) an Environmental Assessment (EA) of potential impacts of the draft plan will also be prepared. Your agency is invited to provide comments and input to assist USACE with development of the Master Plan and the preparation of an EA under NEPA.

The Master Plan guides the management of government-owned and leased lands around the river. Decisions about land use classifications in the Master Plan may affect future management of natural resources and recreational opportunities. Input from the agencies and the general public will help define the needed revisions to the draft plan, which is scheduled for public review in the summer of 2022.

The purpose of the update is to bring the Master Plan into compliance with current USACE policies and regulations, identify usage trends and customer needs, and balance land and riverbank uses with natural resource management. Updates to the plan are expected to reflect current and anticipated development around the river and to take advantage of current technologies.

Your agency has been identified by the USACE as one that may have an interest in this project. The land classifications established through the Master Plan may have important implications for surrounding residential communities, businesses, parks, and natural areas. As a result, USACE is requesting your input and agency's expertise to assist in the development of an updated Master Plan and the preparation of an Environmental Assessment as required by NEPA and the USACE Engineer Regulation ER 200-2-2 "Procedures for Implementing NEPA".

Due to the evolving Federal, State, and Local policies designed to address the spread of COVID-19, the Corps will not hold our traditional public and agency Scoping

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workshops. We invite you to visit our website, <https://go.usa.gov/xHvVy>, to provide comments/suggestions for the Master Plan update.

The planning process will include an analysis of potential effects on the natural and social environment, including fish and wildlife, recreational opportunities, economics, land use, cultural and historic resources, aesthetics, and public health and safety. USACE is involving agencies and the public in the planning process for both the Master Plan update and the NEPA analysis.

In addition to providing comments/suggestions to the above website, your agency may also submit comments via mail, email, or fax with attention to: USACE, Little Rock District, ATTN: NRM Planner, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203, Fax: (501) 324-6230, Email: CESWL-MKARNSMasterPlanRevision@usace.army.mil, Website: <https://go.usa.gov/xHvVy>. Written comments must be postmarked, e-mailed, faxed, or otherwise submitted by 30 July 2021. If we do not hear from you within this time period, we will assume your agency has no comments at this time.

If you have any questions regarding this process please contact James Bloxham, Natural Resources Specialist Planner, at (501) 324-5632 or via email at James.M.Bloxham@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

James M. Bloxham
Natural Resources Specialist
Planner, Operations Division

Appendix C

Public Notifications

- Postcard
- News Release
- Social Media Posts
- Facts Sheet
- Comment Card

The McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System Master Plan Update



US Army Corps
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Little Rock District

PUBLIC SCOPING NOTIFICATION

The Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District, is updating the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS) Master Plan (MP).

The MP guides the classification and management of public lands managed by USACE along the river and influence future recreational opportunities and natural resource management.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), an Environmental Assessment (EA) of potential impacts of the draft plan will also be prepared.

IMPORTANT COVID-19 UPDATE: Due to the evolving Federal, State, and Local policies designed to address the spread of COVID-19, the Corps will not hold our traditional public workshops at this time. We invite you to visit our website, address provided below, to find out information about the process to update the master plan for the MKARNS. You will be able to provide comments through the website. If you have questions, voicemail and email options will be provided and you will receive a response.

We want to hear from you! Please visit our website:

<https://go.usa.gov/xHvVj>

for current information or to submit comments.

Visit our website to learn the details of the MP update process. Your input will help define the MKARNS MP Update scheduled for public review in 2021. Staff will be available to answer your questions by either a response phone call or email response. Find out how to leave a question on our website!

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Master Plan Update**

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NEWS RELEASE

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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Release: Immediately
June 11, 2021

Contact: Public Affairs, 501-324-5551
ceswl-pa@usace.army.mil
Media after hours: 501-563-6835

USACE seeks public input for the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Master Plan Revision process

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is revising the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System’s Master Plan and is seeking public input regarding land classifications around the river.

The public and agency scoping comment period will run from June 14 to July 30, 2021.

Scoping is the process of determining the scope, focus and content of the master plan update documents. For a planning process such as the master plan revision, the scoping process is used as an opportunity to get input from the public and resource agencies about the vision for the master plan update and the issues that the master plan should address where possible.

The master plan guides management of government lands maintained by USACE along the MKARNS. It can also impact future management of natural resources and recreation opportunities to ensure the sustainability of the navigation system.

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July 12, 2021

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**Little Rock District to extend the public comment period for the McClellan-Kerr
Arkansas River Navigation System Master Plan revision**

Little Rock, Ark. -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Little Rock District is extending the scoping comment period for the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System's Master Plan revision to Aug. 13.

The comment period is being extended due to unforeseen circumstances. The extension will ensure full public participation and allow the public more time to send in their responses. All comments will still be taken via an online submission form, through regular mail, email, and fax.

To find out more about the master plan revision or to submit an online comment, please visit the MKARNS Master Plan webpage at <https://go.usa.gov/xHvp3>.

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Little Rock District to extend the public comment period for the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System Master Plan revision

Little Rock, Ark. -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Little Rock District is again extending the scoping comment period for the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System's Master Plan revision. Comments will now be accepted until Aug. 27.

The comment period is being extended due to unforeseen circumstances. The extension will ensure full public participation and allow the public more time to send in their responses. All comments will still be taken via an online submission form, through regular mail, email, and fax.

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August 3, 2021

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Little Rock District reminder about the public comment period for the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System Master Plan revision

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Little Rock District reminds everyone around the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System about the scoping comment period for the MKARNS Master Plan that ends Aug. 13.

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To find out more about the master plan revision and to submit a comment, please visit the MKARNS Master Plan webpage at <https://go.usa.gov/xHvp3>
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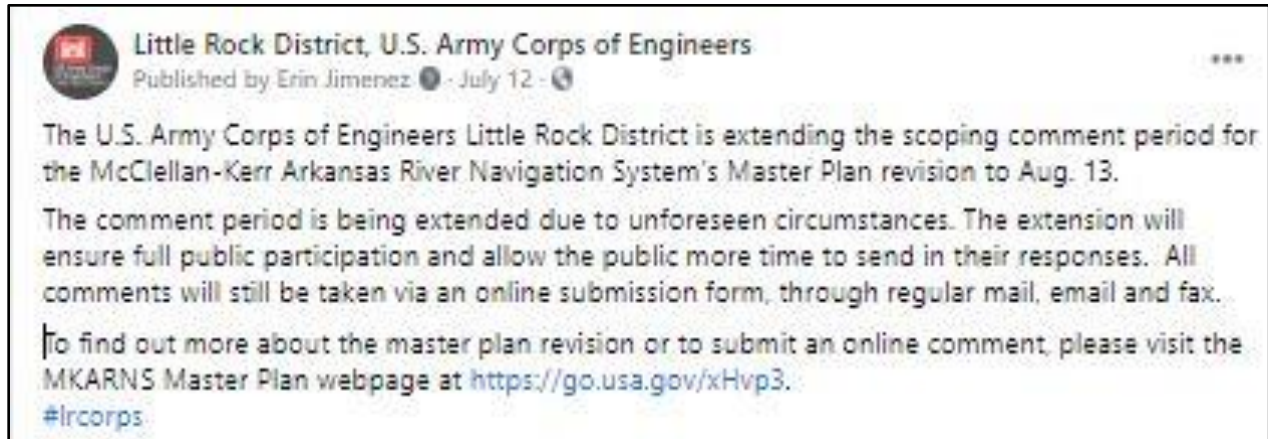
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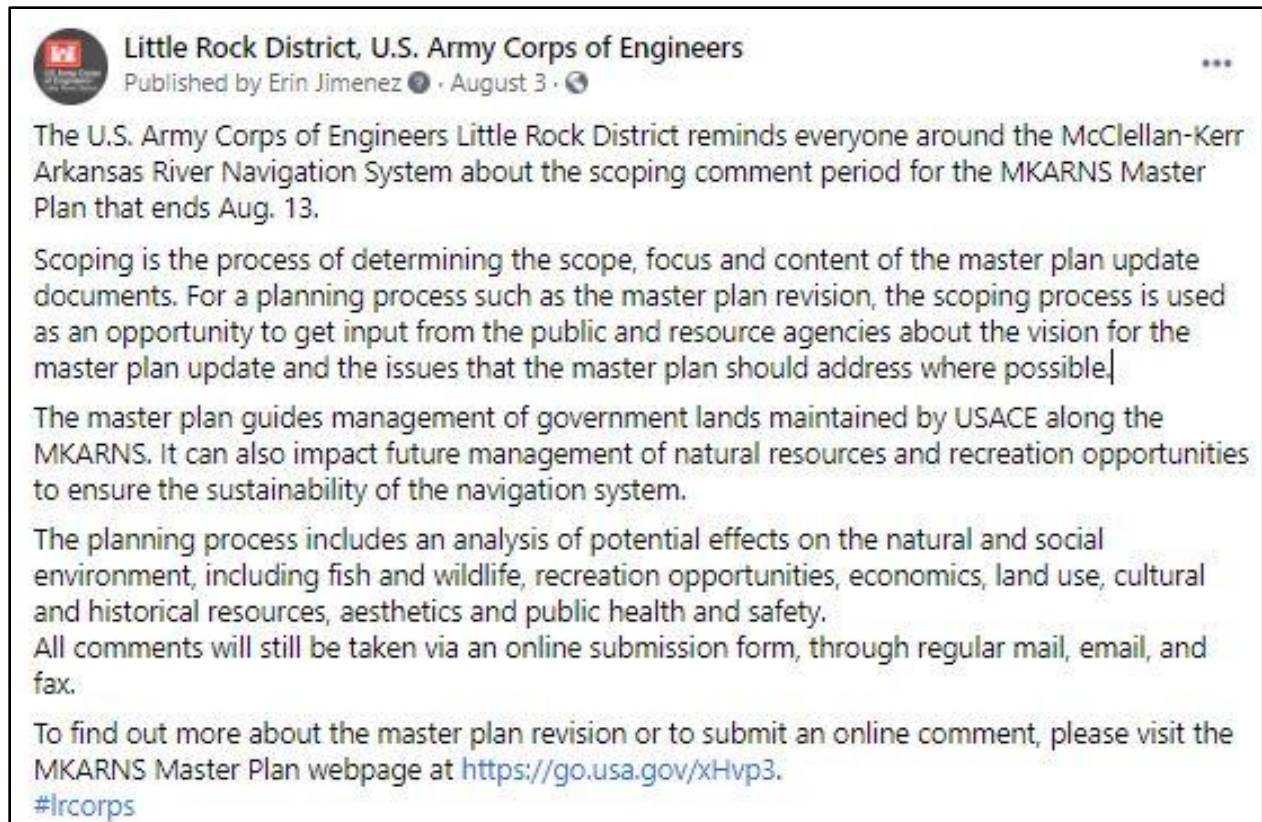
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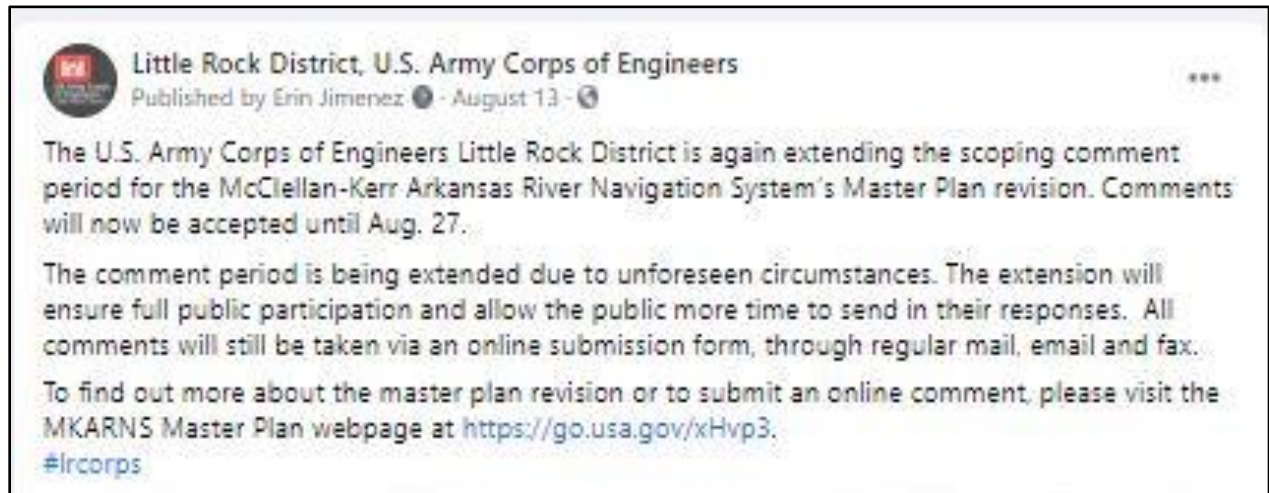
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Reactions: 7

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Hide Post: 4



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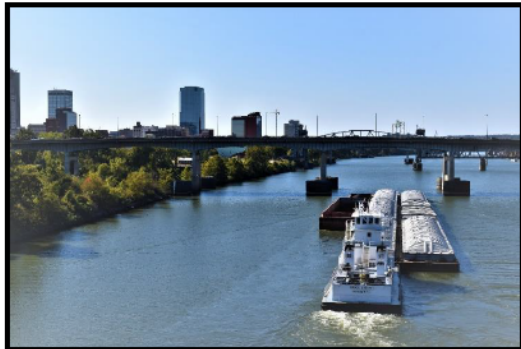
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The McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System Master Plan Revision

The Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Little Rock District, is revising the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS) Master Plans.

The Master Plan guides the management of the government lands managed by USACE around the River. The Master Plan affects future management of natural resources and recreational opportunities to ensure the sustainability of the MKARNS. The Master Plan revisions also set the stage for the Shoreline Management Plan for Lake Dardanelle, which is how the vision of the Master Plan is implemented.

The planning process will include an analysis of potential effects on the natural and social environment, including fish and wildlife, recreation opportunities, economics, land use, cultural and historical resources, aesthetics, and public health and safety.



About MKARNS

The MKARNS is part of the inland waterways of the United States originating at the head of navigation (Tulsa Port of Catoosa) and running southeast through Oklahoma and Arkansas to the Mississippi River. The MKARNS was authorized by the Rivers and Harbors Act of July 24, 1946.

The Little Rock District operates 300 river miles of the 445-mile River System which includes approximately ~50,000 acres of land with the authorized purposes of both the land and water to include Navigation, Hydropower, Recreation, Environmental Stewardship, and Water Supply.

What is a Master Plan?

A master plan is the guidance document that describes how the resources of the river will be managed in the future and provides the vision for how the river should look in the future. The master plan does not address the details of how and where shoreline use permits may be issued, however, it does set the stage for implementation of the shoreline management program. After the master plans are revised, the operational management plan and shoreline management plan would be revised to be consistent with the goals identified in the master plan.

Development of the revised master plan will include consideration of:

- Regional and ecosystem needs
- Project Resource capabilities and suitability for various purposes
- Public interests and desires

The MKARNS Master Plan Update main objectives are:

- Conserve the resources of the lake within current USACE policies and guidelines
- Accommodate current and projected use patterns with maximum efficiency
- Identify and protect cultural and natural resources
- Attract maximum participation by the general public and local government

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Why Update the MKARNS Master Plans?

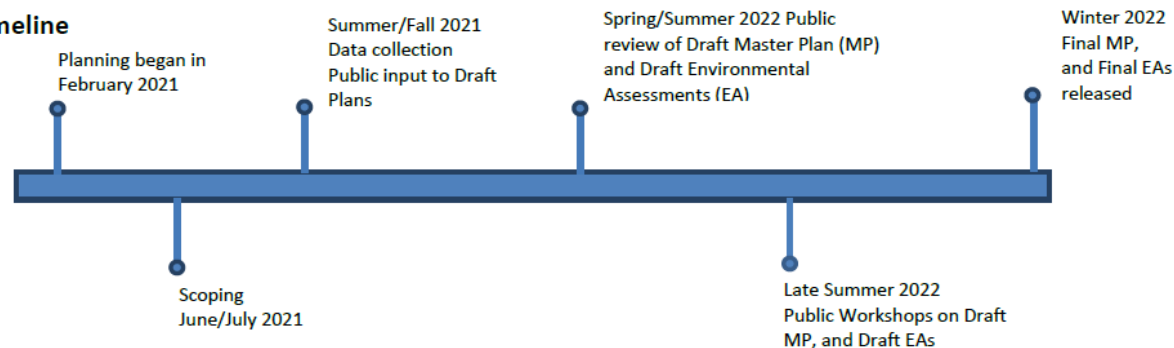
The current MKARNS Master Plans were developed more than 40 years ago and are outdated. The master plan revisions will classify the government lands managed by USACE around the river based on environmental and socioeconomic considerations, public input, and an evaluation of past, present, and forecasted trends.

Lands may be classified into one of these categories:

- **Project Operations:** lands required for the locks, dam, spillway, offices, and other areas used solely for the operation of the river.
- **High Density Recreation:** lands acquired and designated for use as parks or other areas for intensive recreational activities by the visiting public. Shoreline Use permits should not be allowed in these areas.
- **Environmentally Sensitive Areas:** lands designated for areas where scientific, ecological, cultural, or aesthetic features have been identified. These areas are managed to protect environmental resources.
- **Multiple Resource Management Lands:** This classification allows for the designation of a predominant use with the understanding that other compatible uses may also occur on these lands; these additional uses may include:
 - **Low Density Recreation:** lands classified for use for activities such as hiking trails, primitive camping, limited water access points, and other similar activities by the visiting public. Shoreline Use Permits may be permitted in these areas in accordance with the shoreline management plan.
 - **Wildlife Management:** lands allocated as habitat for fish and wildlife and are generally open for hunting and fishing.
 - **Future/Inactive Recreation Areas:** Lands intended for recreation, but which were never developed or have been closed.
 - **Vegetative Management:** Lands designated for stewardship of forest, prairie, and other native vegetative cover.
- **Water Surface:** For those projects that administer a surface water zoning program, this will be included in the Master Plan revision process.
 - **Restricted:** Water areas restricted for project operations, safety, and security purposes.
 - **Designated No-Wake:** To protect environmentally sensitive shoreline areas, recreational water access areas from disturbance, and for public safety.
 - **Fish and Wildlife Sanctuary:** Annual or seasonal restrictions on areas to protect fish and wildlife species during periods of migrations, resting, feeding, nesting, and/or spawning.
 - **Open Recreation:** Those waters available for year-round or seasonal water-based recreational use.

These land and water classifications are established in the master plan and will guide future updates to the operation management plan and shoreline management plan, which implements the master plan.

Project Timeline



The McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System Master Plan Revision and Environmental Assessment



Please use this form to provide comments and suggestions about how you would like to see the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS) Master Plan revised; or provide comments on the issues that should be studied before a decision is made on Master Plan revisions. Feel free to take an extra form to provide to friends or neighbors and send the forms back, before July 30, 2021, to USACE at the addresses below.

(Optional Information)

Name/Organization:

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?

What about the MKARNS is most and least important to you?

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied.

Comments may be submitted via mail, email, or fax with attention to: MKARNS MP Planner, Natural Resources Management Section, USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203.

Fax: (501) 324-6230, Email: CESWL-MKARNSMasterPlanRevision@usace.army.mil

Website: <https://go.usa.gov/xHvV5>

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Appendix D

Public Comment Scoping Comments

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CESWL-MKARNSMasterPlanRevision](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Citadel Bluff Park
Date: Monday, June 14, 2021 1:40:09 PM

We would like to see the Citadel Bluff Reopened and water and electric ran to park. This would remove some pressure off Aux Arc park in Ozark. It is a beautiful park but without water and electric at each site there isn't much interest in park.

Sent from my iPhone

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [CESWL-MKARNSMasterPlanRevision](#)
Subject: MKARNS Master Plan Review Public Comment
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 5:02:29 PM

MKARNS Team - A new public comment has been submitted from the website:

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?	<p>As I understand it, current policy for new boat dock permits on Lake Dardanelle require the boat dock to be a certain distance from the CORPS property line. Please consider eliminating that requirement.</p> <p>My boat dock is located in a small, shallow cove that is filling with sediment. It has gotten to the point that at times when the lake level drops, my boat lift "bottoms out". I am also constantly fighting encroachment of weeds (commonly called "Alligator" weeds).</p> <p>In the past I have requested a waiver so I could move my dock to deeper water, but the request was denied due to that distance requirement.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of this request.</p>
What about the MKARNS is MOST and LEAST important to you?	<p>Most important for me is maintaining a "natural environment" for the plants and wildlife.</p> <p>I do not have any comment for the "least important" category.</p>
Do you have additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied?	<p>One of my pet peeves is the trash I see in the lake and around the lakeshore.</p> <p>I would suggest signs installed at the various public areas addressing this issue.</p> <p>I realize maintaining trash containers cannot be practical in some areas, but maybe something like small "Pack It In - Pack It Out" notifications where there is remote foot traffic.</p>

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CESWL-MKARNSMasterPlanRevision](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Shoreline usage changes to the MKARNS master plan
Date: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 1:41:39 PM

Hello,

My name is [REDACTED] and I live at:

[REDACTED]

My property extends into the CoE water way and I cannot access it. My area is zoned as natural and it has been developed. How can we get this changed to allow me to place a Dock or ramp to access the water for recreational activities? I have been in contact with my local CoE land use rep but he is not allowed to change zoning and there has not been a review in 30+ yrs by the Command section of the Arkansas CoE. There are no endangered Flora or Fauna in this area and I am restricted from accessing my land that is under your water. Please contact me and let me know if there are any forms required to be submitted or in person meetings or reviews that I can attend.

Thank you for your consideration,

[REDACTED]

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [CESWL-MKARNSMasterPlanRevision](#)
Subject: MKARNS Master Plan Review Public Comment
Date: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 1:23:26 PM

MKARNS Team - A new public comment has been submitted from the website:

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?	<p>For my property I have land that extends under the lake. My land and the surrounding land are zoned natural. I would like to see this changed so that I can place a boat dock and have better access to the water. The area where I live does not have navigable water meaning there is no commercial traffic. What good is living on the lake if you cannot enjoy it. There are no reasons I can see to keep this area zoned as natural because there are no protected areas on the land. I understand the Corps of Engineers owns the water but I own the land that the water is sitting on and cannot access it for use. This is concerning. I would like to see more public access allowed for the non navigable water ways I.E. Lake Dardanelle. I understand the need to control the River system as it has heavy Commercial traffic that needs to be controlled for access and uniformity. The lake must be adapted for more recreational use it would be a benefit to the locality and could be a new revenue stream not only for the cities but also the Gov't.</p>
What about the MKARNS is MOST and LEAST important to you?	<p>The lake Dardanelle portion of MKARNS should definitely have more public access. Owners of property that border the waterway should be given more control over their access to the water. shoreline usage is not set up to be a benefit for the property owners and by that I mean as an example we pay a fee to the CoE to mow for fire prevention so you're basically making us pay to do your work. The fees are set at an acceptable rate but they should be looked at for the fairness. The fee for a pathway to the water is accompanied by rules that have no definition such as (meandering path) what is a meandering path? Most property owners would like to be able to put in place Boat docks and or ramps from their property and be able to enjoy them, current rules say they must be approved and placed by a licensed dock manufacturer, they cannot place seating on the docks, the docks even though they are secured to dry land and in some cases privately owned land cannot utilize them for any other reason then to park a motor boat. access for land owners needs to be looked at and revised to give greater control to them. you can assess fines for neglecting to maintain the water frontage and the docks/ramps put on rather then collecting only a fee for the permitting.</p>
	<p>Review all areas zoned as natural and others zoned as protected.</p>

Do you have additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied?	We have no rare or endangered species of flora or fauna so many areas of the lake that have been developed over the past 30+ years should be allowed to have access to the water. The shoreline usage should be reviewed on an every 5 yrs or possibly 3 yrs basis and not an every 30+ yr basis as there are too many changes that occur over that time frame to play catch up.
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To: [CESWL-MKARNSMasterPlanRevision](#)
Subject: MKARNS Master Plan Review Public Comment
Date: Saturday, July 24, 2021 11:38:19 PM

MKARNS Team - A new public comment has been submitted from the website:

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?	<p>I have heard rumors that the Dardanelle campground and fishing access on the Dardanelle side of the dam is proposed to not reopen. I would very much like to see it reopened I have spent countless Summers and even Winters camping and fishing there with my family and making life long memories. I believe it should be reopened to the public so we can continue that tradition for generations to come. I do not feel it is right for this to be taken away from so many families. This is the first time I have ever left a comment like this but this is very dear to my heart and if you have any questions about my inputs or thoughts please call me at [REDACTED] or by mail or email [REDACTED]</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
What about the MKARNS is MOST and LEAST important to you?	
Do you have additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied?	

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Subject: MKARNS Master Plan Review Public Comment
Date: Thursday, July 8, 2021 12:34:13 PM

MKARNS Team - A new public comment has been submitted from the website:

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?	<p>My name is [REDACTED], I am [REDACTED] yrs old, and am a life long resident of [REDACTED]. I own land and live on a large family farm that borders the Ark River at [REDACTED]. My biggest concern is the Corp designating the river as "Ozark Lake" between lock and dams 13 at Barling and 12 at Ozark. Was this part of the original "Master Plan" or did this come about as a separate entity or an after thought? It appears that this section of the river is nothing more than a holding pool for excess water, thus the Ozark Lake designation. I am [REDACTED] years old and in years past we could generally expect the low land to flood a couple of times each year, mainly in the spring and some in the winter. Now it's an ordinary scene to see the land flooded out of my back window as a common occurrence no matter the time of year. What was the original purpose of calling this section of the river "Ozark Lake" which is now named on all maps? It was not that long ago that this designation was never seen on a map.</p> <p>Thanks, [REDACTED]</p>
What about the MKARNS is MOST and LEAST important to you?	<p>Most important is the "Ozark Lake" designation and private property incorporated in the wildlife management area due to beavers building a dam in a slough.</p> <p>Least important would be recreation for the Lakes on the river system.</p>
Do you have additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied?	<p>River flooding 30 to 40 yrs ago compared to the last 10 to 20 yrs.</p>

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Subject: MKARNS Master Plan Review Public Comment
Date: Monday, June 14, 2021 1:57:37 PM

MKARNS Team - A new public comment has been submitted from the website:

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?	I would like to see more preservation of natural wetland buffers, more trees, and more walking and hiking trails, with better maintenance of existing trails. I would like to see more opportunities to appreciate and understand natural, wild spaces, species and the need for these things for healthier people and a healthier planet. I hope these things can start happening as soon as possible, so in 20 years my grandchildren will be able to more readily share these things with their children.
What about the MKARNS is MOST and LEAST important to you?	MOST: integration with and renewal of the natural world. LEAST: Siltation of reservoirs and release of toxic substances into our waters.
Do you have additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied?	I think each park should have a naturalist, an interpretive center, a nature trail, a fitness trail, and extensive walking and hiking trails. I think there should be more ways for people to become involved with learning about the natural world. I think there should be more ways for people to become involved with conservation efforts.

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Subject: MKARNS Master Plan Review Public Comment
Date: Monday, June 28, 2021 4:08:48 PM

MKARNS Team - A new public comment has been submitted from the website:

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?	I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE MKARNS RECEIVE MAINTENANCE NEEDED TO KEEP IT CLEAN AND FREE OF DEBRIS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, TO INCLUDE LOCKS AND DAMS TO KEEP THEM FUNCTIONAL. OUR FAMILY USES THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS PARKS FOR RV CAMPING, ESPECIALLY SPRINGHILL PARK AND MAUMELLE PARK, AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE THEM MAINTAINED AND EVEN IMPROVED WHEN POSSIBLE. I WOULD BE WILLING TO PAY A REASONABLY HIGHER CAMPING FEE TO FUND THE COSTS.
What about the MKARNS is MOST and LEAST important to you?	MOST IMPORTANT IS RV CAMPING FACILITIES, INCLUDING BATH HOUSE CONVENIENCE. LEAST IMPORTANT IS BOAT RAMPS AND FISHING ACCESSIBILITY.
Do you have additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied?	

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CESWL-MKARNSMasterPlanRevision](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Recreation
Date: Monday, June 14, 2021 1:54:24 PM

Will this in anyway affect campgrounds and ramps.

For one opinion we have lost to many parks and restrictions on available parks has already been to severe

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To: [CESWL-MKARNSMasterPlanRevision](#)
Subject: MKARNS Master Plan Review Public Comment
Date: Friday, July 23, 2021 7:37:02 PM

MKARNS Team - A new public comment has been submitted from the website:

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?	I would like for you to open back up the snagging on the Dardanelle dam. I have fish on the dam for 30 plus years. I believe there's no reason why our fishing rights should be taken away.
What about the MKARNS is MOST and LEAST important to you?	Fishing on the dam. Is the most important.
Do you have additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied?	

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To: [CESWL-MKARNSMasterPlanRevision](#)
Subject: MKARNS Master Plan Review Public Comment
Date: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 10:20:58 PM

MKARNS Team - A new public comment has been submitted from the website:

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?	I would like to see the dardnelle dam park and fishing wall opened back up. I have been going there since I was a young kid. Watching my grandpa and uncle snag. I could only watch until I was old enough to hold one of the big river rods. I have fed several families with catfish from that exact wall. It has been two years since that flood and it has been closed since. That place has been a part of my livelihood every spring and summer until it closed. I hope that reopening will be considered. God bless!
What about the MKARNS is MOST and LEAST important to you?	
Do you have additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied?	

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Subject: MKARNS Master Plan Review Public Comment
Date: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 12:53:04 PM

MKARNS Team - A new public comment has been submitted from the website:

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?	<p>You guys recently sent me a letter regarding my dock request / rezoning request submitted for the Piney Bay(Lake Dardanelle) shoreline on the west side of the bay adjacent to my land. I am absolutely still interested in having this rezoned from scenic to recreational or whatever new zoning allows for private docks or community docks.</p> <p>Please let me know if additional commentary would be helpful because I am more than willing to provide additional comments/reasons why this rezoning should take place.</p> <p>Thanks, [REDACTED]</p>
What about the MKARNS is MOST and LEAST important to you?	<p>There are few places off the main channel of the lake where docks are even feasible. Many of those locations have been limited arbitrarily by antiquated lakeshore zoning dating back to the 1960's. I have owned property on the west side of Piney Bay where it would have been nice to have a dock while I was still young and my children lived at home there with me. Better late than never though.</p> <p>The entire west side of Piney Bay should be rezoned to allow for boatdocks!</p>
Do you have additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied?	<p>I am not sure if dredging is in the plan, but Piney Bay in the last 25 years has become much shallower due to silt flowing into the bay from Big Piney Creek & Little Piney Creek. Over 1/2 of the main lake area is shallow enough to walk across. Not sure if that was the plan, but it makes for a mostly trash fish population like buffalo and carp as well as helping with the proliferation of snakes and lily pads which seem to be choking out the northern end of the bay.</p>

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Subject: MKARNS Master Plan Review Public Comment
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MKARNS Team - A new public comment has been submitted from the website:

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?	<p>I understand the main reason for the MKARNS is for barge traffic up and down the AR River. But, millions of Americans utilize the Parks and Recreation Areas along the tributary lakes and streams. The tributary streams and channels that feed the system need dredged, cleaned and remarked with channel markers/bouys.</p> <p>You need to re-open some parks around Lake Dardanelle, specifically (Delaware Park) off of State Hwy 22 in Delaware AR.</p> <p>Eradicate the dang geese that are polluting our swimming areas with eColi from there feces.</p> <p>Rebuild a marina at Shoal Bay Recreation Area!!!!!!!!</p>
What about the MKARNS is MOST and LEAST important to you?	
Do you have additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied?	

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Subject: MKARNS Master Plan Review Public Comment
Date: Saturday, July 24, 2021 9:41:21 AM

MKARNS Team - A new public comment has been submitted from the website:

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?	My dad has been snagging on the dam wall for 40+ years. It hasn't hurt anyone in the life of snagging from the wall. Please give a detailed explanation of the "safety" reason for shutting it down. Please include research.
What about the MKARNS is MOST and LEAST important to you?	Fishing on the dam
Do you have additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied?	Open the park up and dam up for fishing

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Date: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 6:55:58 PM

MKARNS Team - A new public comment has been submitted from the website:

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?	I would like to be able to snag at Dardanelle again. It is just not right that one man, [REDACTED], can keep hundreds of fishermen from doing what they enjoy. He said it was a safety and security problem. I contacted the park rangers and they said they had no safety or security problems. If there were any problems, the rangers should know about them, since that is their job. The email I got from the Corp telling what security problem they had was kids were playing on a rock, and they wouldn't leave when they were told to. That tells me there is no problem, but just one man that does not like fishermen. I have fished there over thirty five years with no problems, now all of a sudden there's a problem.
What about the MKARNS is MOST and LEAST important to you?	
Do you have additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied?	

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Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 4:04:30 PM

MKARNS Team - A new public comment has been submitted from the website:

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?	The VERY LAST thing I want is for THIS Administration to DO ANYTHING concerning this planet, ESPECIALLY land, air, or water management. YOU know as well as I do that ANY CHANGE is not in the interest of this country.
What about the MKARNS is MOST and LEAST important to you?	The VERY LAST thing I want is for THIS Administration to DO ANYTHING concerning this planet, ESPECIALLY land, air, or water management. YOU know as well as I do that ANY CHANGE is not in the interest of this country.
Do you have additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied?	The VERY LAST thing I want is for THIS Administration to DO ANYTHING concerning this planet, ESPECIALLY land, air, or water management. YOU know as well as I do that ANY CHANGE is not in the interest of this country.

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MKARNS Team - A new public comment has been submitted from the website:

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?	<p>I do not live in the MKARNS area, but I do camp there from time to time, and at USACE facilities nationwide.</p> <p>My only comment is to ask you to keep in mind all the people who would like to use the waterways for recreation. Too often lakes are managed by boating fishermen for boating fishermen. Everything is geared for those who have boats and trailers, RVs and other 'toys'. These are too expensive for those with a median income and below, and when you gear a park only for the toy-users, you marginalize others who are driving passenger cars out for the day to get outdoors.</p> <p>People swim. People wade. People walk, and in the South they need deeply shaded trails, not sunbaked ones. People want shady places to hang out and picnic.</p> <p>Yet the 'beaches' offered, if a facility even has one, are often shallow clayey shores where the water depth is only 2 or 3', suitable only for babies and small children, roped off with threatening signs saying you may not swim past some rope set at a 3' depth. Boat ramps sternly warn that no swimming is allowed. This is fine for safety's sake, but then, build some swimming piers or platforms! Why should swimmers have to cross rocky shores or mud flats, or do without their recreation, but there was ample money to build numerous great paved boat ramps for those with money to bring in boats? Why aren't there accessible affordable kayak rentals for those who don't own boats?</p> <p>I know your district does make some effort for accessible, affordable recreation. I'm just saying, keep it up, take it further, and don't orient everything towards boat owners.</p>
What about the MKARNS is MOST and LEAST important to you?	<p>Accessibility including ample large parking lots, and affordability are important.</p> <p>Least important: boat ramps!</p>
Do you have additional comments on the Master	

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MKARNS Team - A new public comment has been submitted from the website:

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?	I would like to see the USACE allow for development to and protection of private lands that adjoin the MKARNS. Many private lands are being eroded by activity on Lake Dardanelle and other impoundments of the Arkansas River. Private land owners need the ability to protect their properties as they would do if not adjoining the MKARNS.
What about the MKARNS is MOST and LEAST important to you?	Most important is maintaining relatively stable pool levels. Least important -- don't have one.
Do you have additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied?	Flood and erosion control.

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Subject: MKARNS Master Plan Review Public Comment
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MKARNS Team - A new public comment has been submitted from the website:

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?	I would like to see more controlled burns along shorelines owned by ACE. I have property adjacent to ACE shoreline property and it would be incredibly beneficial for all parties (ACE and adjacent landowners) if a better controlled burn plan was in place to reduce fuel loading for wild fires (for prevention purposes).
What about the MKARNS is MOST and LEAST important to you?	Most important is to make sure flooding is not an issue and provide navigable waterways. I think they do a good job of that currently. I know ACE operates a number of their sites for ancillary use (recreation, etc) and while it is nice, I think that is less important than managing the water resource(s).
Do you have additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied?	The area below Lock & Dam 10 on the Arkansas River in Russellville/Dardanelle, Arkansas needs major renovation (on the Dardanelle side) to make it safe and of use for local users.

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Subject: MKARNS Master Plan Review Public Comment
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MKARNS Team - A new public comment has been submitted from the website:

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?	<p>I am 20 years retired US Army, I moved back home to russellville Arkansas. The water is not clean to say the least, I will not swim in it. Your whole body stinks like decay. The Russellville Marina on lake Dardanelle is constantly shut down because of dangerous bacteria levels. I found out through the folks at the public safety, environmental office on Ft.Chaffee at ft smith, that its because of the millions of geese that do not migrate. Before the 4th of july at the RSVL Marina I took of picture of the beach covered in geese, later that day peoples kids are swimming in feces. Every inch of the park is covered in goose feces. Also just north of Russellville Ar, I have seen the pictures of the giant honey ponds of "treated" sewage, that local government is dumped into the illinois bayou, that flows into lake Dardanelle.</p> <p>Changes: We share the same goals, I want clean water, and I am glad your organization is working towards that mission.</p>
What about the MKARNS is MOST and LEAST important to you?	<p>Most important: clean water.</p> <p>Least important: Anything outside of clean water should not be of importance. The entire west coast of America is suffering massive drought. We have endless water, that I would not dare even swim or fish in. Its nasty!</p>
Do you have additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied?	<p>I am just glad that the US ARMY Core is looking into making things better! Thank you for your time reading this.</p>

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MKARNS Team - A new public comment has been submitted from the website:

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?	<p>I just would like to see the Dardanelle Lock & Dam 10 – Dam Site West opened back up to fisherman. The whole are all the way up to the dam. On the snagging wall. We would love to camp there again, even if there is no electricity and drinking water available. Those of us that really want to be there will bring our own drinking water and generators if we must have electricity. NOW for the Reason...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This site was accessible to many handicapped fishermen. Where can they go now? 2. Snagging and Bait Fishing from that wall is a tradition that has been handed down from generation to generation. 3. Hundreds of families know ONLY how to fish from the site, and are experts at fishing from that site. 4. This is not just a pleasure trip for most, it is a way of LIFE, a Way to Survive! Many families who have survived on fish from that site their whole lives are going without. Please, let us feed our families again. 5. Fishing here is an Art. Don't lose this form of Fishing Art. The men and women that fish here are true craftsmen in the Art of Fishing. <p>Please do not continue to deprive us of these traditions!</p>
What about the MKARNS is MOST and LEAST important to you?	<p>Fishing from the Dardanelle Lock & Dam 10 – Dam Site West Snagging Wall is MOST important to me, and hundreds of others. Many people come from out of state JUST to fish at this site. Dardanelle is losing their patronage by that site being closed.</p> <p>Fishing and Snagging from the Wall are the MOST important things.</p> <p>Camping here is second.</p> <p>We can do without electricity and drinking water. We will bring our own the way our ancestors taught us to on the water. And those who can't deal with no electricity can bring generators.</p> <p>The people that fish here are a perfect example of the melting pot of America. We come from all ethnicities, and all backgrounds.</p>

<p>Do you have additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied?</p>	<p>Our family truly cherishes our national and natural water ways and forestry areas. We generally leave a place cleaner than we found it, even cleaning up after others who leave a mess behind. Being Native Americans, we take care of Mother Earth, and encourage and teach others around us to do the same.</p> <p>Go back and look at how well the Dardanelle Lock & Dam 10 – Dam Site West was used\visited. There was nearly always someone camping there.</p> <p>Other sites along the river and lakes have been closed that are also frequently used. Some of the local people have formed non-profits and taken over the upkeep of these areas because these parks are used by locals and tourists as well. Reach out to the communities around parks and fishing areas before you close them. Learn how much areas are used and how important they are to the survival of the community and the way of life for the people of the surrounding area. Get to know your constituents and their needs before you close any areas.</p>
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Address	[REDACTED]
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?	I would like to see more access for those living adjacent to public land. Dardanelle Bay has a lot of boats; ski, pontoon, fishing, and even ocean going yachts but very few boat docks.
What about the MKARNS is MOST and LEAST important to you?	I was on the slack water port advisory board and believe commerce is very important. This includes the big business of bass fishing and other recreation including local's private boat docks. Enjoying nature without destroying it.
Do you have additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied?	I have emailed a request for a private boat dock but email bounced back. I called and am waiting for return call. thank you, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1:55:54 PM

MKARNS Team - A new public comment has been submitted from the website:

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?	<p>More access from people's homes. I believe the ability to add docks and manage the trees on the land in residential areas would raise property values without diminishing the scenery. Many of my neighbors have docks as they were grandfathered in. There are many areas around the lake that are inaccessible that will remain untouched, but the few house that are against the federal property would look nicer if the homeowners could manage the property. The builders of my home placed the home very close to the ACE property line. We have had several issues with limbs falling on the house and leaves quickly filling/clogging the gutters. This was obviously poor planning on the part of the builder, but has a major impact on the property. The amount of leaves and pine straw created every year is a fire hazard and is very difficult to clean up. The land would be much safer, more useable, and look nicer if homeowners had the ability to trim trees as they see fit. I also think erosion of the land could be slowed if homeowners were allowed to install retaining walls.</p>
What about the MKARNS is MOST and LEAST important to you?	<p>Most: Allowing more management of the land by adjacent property owners to preserve/enhance the beauty of the lake. Keeping the land safe (i.e. thinning trees and removing brush near residential areas). Removing large debris from the lake (e.g. there are often large logs that float just below the surface) that can be hazardous to boaters. Properly marking man-made obstructions in the lake (e.g. underwater walls) that are dangerous to boaters.</p> <p>Least: Maintaining land in residential areas as scenic (i.e. untouched). This land would look nicer and be safer if homeowners could manage the land.</p>
Do you have additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about	<p>Allowing more boat dock permits. Allowing homeowners more access to manage the land (i.e. remove trees and brush). The impact of retaining walls to prevent erosion of land. Removal of large floating objects.</p>

issues that should be studied?

The dangers of unmarked man-made objects in the lake (see unmarked underwater rock wall at 35°24'18.2"N / 93°32'03.5"W). Some of these objects sit just below the surface of the water and would cause serious damage to a boat.

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MKARNS Team - A new public comment has been submitted from the website:

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?	I would like to see the opening up of develop around the arkansas River, piney bay, and lake Dardanelle. I would like to see it open up enough that we could bring in developers to help make us next Hot Springs
What about the MKARNS is MOST and LEAST important to you?	Most important allowing development Least important preserving the land as raw
Do you have additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied?	

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MKARNS Team - A new public comment has been submitted from the website:

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?	Just one specific request: Please increase routine sand removal/dredging at Corps of Engineers park boat ramp below Dam 2. The river below Dam 2 is a great place to fish but it is too often inaccessible due to sand incursion on the ramp. Thank you, [REDACTED]
What about the MKARNS is MOST and LEAST important to you?	
Do you have additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied?	

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The grass needs to be mowed down at Ozark and a whole new crew

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MKARNS Team - A new public comment has been submitted from the website:

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?	Would the Corps consider adding more full service RV sites in the recreational facilities? While adding more sewer Connections to help rv sites is a convenience to campers it would also promote maximum maximum rentals of campsites. An interesting revenue offset. If not could honeywagon rental/ services be considered in RV recreational areas.
What about the MKARNS is MOST and LEAST important to you?	1 commerce 2 flood/river flow control 3 recreation 4 electric generation
Do you have additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied?	None at this time.

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MKARNS Team - A new public comment has been submitted from the website:

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?	<p>The channel needs to be marked again coming from the river to shoal bay. It was marked and maintained for the last 30 years up until 2 years ago.</p> <p>My family has owned land here since 1865. We are disappointed that we can not even clear a place to park our boat. Ya'll say it is suppose to be kept natural in order for people (not us) to be able to pull up and use the shore. Well, how can they when it is now a forest.</p> <p>The keep off the sand bars signs are a joke. The birds that you say are endangered came off the endangered species list in 1/2021. You put them there to keep underaged kids from drinking. But it is keeping the good people from enjoying the sandbars that we have been using for 30 years.</p>
What about the MKARNS is MOST and LEAST important to you?	
Do you have additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied?	<p>The lake needs to be reclassified from a navigational only waters to recreation as well. Keeping ladders and diving boards from the boat docks serves no purpose what so ever.</p>

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Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 6:29:59 AM

MKARNS Team - A new public comment has been submitted from the website:

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?	<p>I have been to the Ozark Aux Arc location many times. We travel through in the spring and fall to visit family. I have been to Springhill Park in Barling once. In my opinion, Ozark desperately needs a manned entrance. The locals that drive through just to see who is camping is constant. People who come to fish below the dam is a large number, and they come and go at will. We have small grandchildren that visit us when we are using the facility, and it is hard to let them ride their bikes for all of the traffic that comes through.</p> <p>Barling Springhill has narrow sites that need upgrading for the larger RV' a with multiple slides. It is doubtful we will use this park again unless the sites are upgraded, even though we like the location.</p>
What about the MKARNS is MOST and LEAST important to you?	<p>Giving the locals and travelers a safe location to camp and enjoy family is very important.</p> <p>Providing sanitary bathrooms are very important.</p> <p>Providing clean sanitary dump stations is very important.</p>
Do you have additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied?	<p>There is never any type of hand sanitizer available in the bathrooms. A wall mounted system should be in place, even if it is the one that is motion activated and is just sanitizer not soap.</p> <p>A manned park attendant booth at Aux Arc placed by the first dump station would help prevent the dumping of raw sewage, which we have encountered. It would allow the collection of a small day fee for all of the people that fish.</p> <p>We live full time in our RV and love to utilize Aux Arc to visit our family. We travel all over the United States and this park ranks pretty high as far as the parking pads and park maintenance goes.</p>

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MKARNS Team - A new public comment has been submitted from the website:

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?	A great method to negotiate and make sound decisions is to share costs as well as thoughts. For example, as a private land owner with land adjacent to Corp of Engineer / government property, I would like an evaluation to change the zoning level of the government property, and with a change made, agree to keep the property clean and free of trash which often washes onto the shore. Additionally, as the landowner to adjacent property, I may be willing to install rip-rap or other erosion inhibitors to improve shoreline stability.
What about the MKARNS is MOST and LEAST important to you?	Shoreline management is most important to me.
Do you have additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied?	No.

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MKARNS Team - A new public comment has been submitted from the website:

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?	<p>I would like to see the Dublin Park (pidgin forge) area Corps marking to be a little more consistent. The North side of the water Corps line needs to mirror the south a little closer with being just a few yards from the water in a straight line instead of 100 yards in one area shooting down to 20 yards. Our recent flood in 2019 proved these lines to be unnecessary and inaccurate, particularly on the West side.</p> <p>The Dublin Park (buffer zone) needs to be reduced by a large number to allow others on the water access to a dock permit. The buffer zone is not only unfairly skewed, but the entire North West side of the lake is blocked by the Corps due to being in a so called buffer zone to the park when the North West side of Dublin park is a 20 or so acre wooded area with no activities or production being able to take place. This could be greatly reduced and guarantee future revenue.</p>
What about the MKARNS is MOST and LEAST important to you?	Changes to the Corps line as well as changes to the buffer zone to the North West side of dublin park.
Do you have additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied?	Not allowing docks to the North West side of Dublin affects many families from enjoying the time they have on enjoying the lake where they chose to raise children and grandchildren.

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Address	[REDACTED]
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?	You said you are making a new off of HWY 64. Why not reopen Flat Rock and Cabin Creek?
What about the MKARNS is MOST and LEAST important to you?	
Do you have additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied?	

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MKARNS Team - A new public comment has been submitted from the website:

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?	Maintain your forest cover along the MKARNS at present condition. If possible, plant more bald cypress trees in the inundation zones. At area north of my property the COE planted a small group maybe 25 years ago that are growing well along with planted oak. Very good idea that should be expanded on other areas if possible. Also, please fence the ROW for access to the natural gas pipeline in same area. Trash dumping and resource damage is occurring and should be corrected by you.
What about the MKARNS is MOST and LEAST important to you?	Natural Resource maintenance, improvement, cooperative law enforcement, and better public relations through doing the above in a more visible manner. Your recent dredging of part of the river below Jetta Taylor L&D was a great example of your presence! Good job! As for my least interest, it would be the Big Bass fishing tournaments. My opinion is that anything caught from the river is not fit to eat. So, it should not be encouraged.
Do you have additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied?	Please keep me informed of your planned timeline for additional comments and the date of decision and implementation. Thank you

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MKARNS Team - A new public comment has been submitted from the website:

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?	<p>My husband & I are full time RV'ers & have been staying in several of the COE parks in Arkansas & mostly Maumelle Park. It's a beautiful park. I would like to see the time to check out change to 1:00 & check in changed to 2:00 because most parks have noon as check out time & it leaves lots of people waiting in the parking areas for a site. I have noticed campers waiting to leave up to 5:00pm many times. Also there should be signs or pamphlets showing that all pets should be on a leash because lots of campers have dogs running loose & have bitten & scared campers to the point that they were afraid to go outside. I hope this campground will stay open for many years to come. It gives so many people a time to spend with family & friends to make lots of good memories.</p>
What about the MKARNS is MOST and LEAST important to you?	<p>The most important thing to me is keeping Maumelle, Toad Suck, & Willow Beach parks open so people can have a place to camp & enjoy camping.</p>
Do you have additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied?	

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MKARNS Team - A new public comment has been submitted from the website:

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?	<p>As a landowner and farmer along the Arkansas River for almost 60 years, I have suffered the changes to the river system over the years. The river purpose is to drain the water toward the Mississippi River and not to create recreational opportunities. The priority of flood control has been lost and has resulted in major property damage and financial losses.</p> <p>First, the MKARNS system was sold to the public as providing FLOOD CONTROL and river navigation. Now, flood control is never mentioned and has been removed from the priority list as evident by the more recent major floods. The river banks have not been maintained to handle the constant increase in water flow and are continuously sluffing off into the river. The river was designed for a draft of 9 feet; however, the increase in water depth has wreaked havoc on the river banks and landowner investments. Landowners along the river have major investments in the land and improvements. The USACE should take this into consideration when making plans on water depth and flood control.</p> <p>Second, the lakes in OK are greatly mismanaged and cause unnecessary flooding downstream. Keeping the lake levels too high during rain events causes major river flows and property damage as a result. USACE needs to have a better river management plan and start releasing water downstream faster to plan for water higher river flows upstream. This would drastically reduce property flood damage. The current plan is to fill and release water at each pool, illegally storing water on personal property. Little Rock has a wide U-shaped channel that would accommodate water flow much sooner than it is used. The pools between LR and Lake Dardenelle do not have to be so flooded before opening gates at Murray Lock & Dam. Do not flood Little Rock, however, better use the pool to accommodate more water and provide relief upstream.</p> <p>We would like to meet and further discuss the flood control plan of MKARNS.</p>

	[REDACTED]
What about the MKARNS is MOST and LEAST important to you?	MOST - Flood Control and property protection LEAST - recreation and environmental concerns
Do you have additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied?	I want a meeting to personally discuss these issues. I have political support. [REDACTED]

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The McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System Master Plan Revision and Environmental Assessment



Please use this form to provide comments and suggestions about how you would like to see the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS) Master Plan revised; or provide comments on the issues that should be studied before a decision is made on Master Plan revisions. Feel free to take an extra form to provide to friends or neighbors and send the forms back, before August 13, 2021, to USACE at the addresses below.

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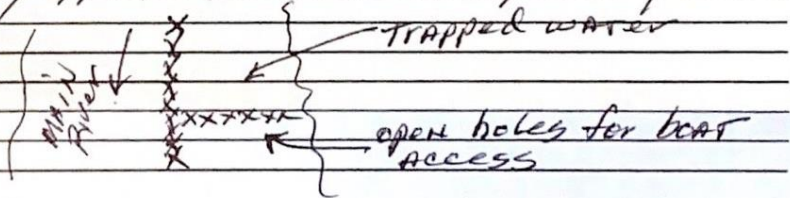
How would you like to see the MKARNS in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see along the MKARNS?

OVER PAST 15 YRS the Russellville ote has abandoned/given away MAJORITY of Campgrounds, boat ramps, etc in DARDANELL pool. MOST ALL LOCAL BOAT RAMPs ARE closed or overgrown w/ weeds. Litter & TRASH IS Abundant. Re-take, revitalize recreational opportunities in DARDANELL pool.

What about the MKARNS is most and least important to you? *MOST - fishing Access & better control of pool levels/flow. LEAST - old post & Maumelle Campgrounds, disc golf, etc.*

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied.

IN DARDANELLE pool - there are numerous Areas where dikes have trapped a pools that ARE INACCESSIBLE to fishermen. By opening 5-6 ft holes in THE dikes to Allow BOATs INTO the TRAPPED WATER & would improve fishing opportunities without impacting the purpose of dikes.



Comments may be submitted via mail, email, or fax with attention to: MKARNS MP Planner, Natural Resources Management Section, USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203.

Fax: (501) 324-6230, Email: CESWL-MKARNSMasterPlanRevision@usace.army.mil

Website: <https://go.usa.gov/xHvV5>

Written comments must be postmarked, e-mailed, faxed, or otherwise submitted by August 13, 2021.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

AUTHORITY: ER 1130-2-406, and the laws and regulations referenced therein.

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S): To provide a means for the maximum practicable public participation in Master Plan formulation, preparation and subsequent revisions, through the use of public meetings, group workshops, open houses or other public involvement.

ROUTINE USE(S): Information you provide will be available for public review or may be disclosed to members of the Department of Defense or other Government agencies who have a need for the information in performance of their official duties, and where use of such information is compatible with the purpose for which the information is collected.

DISCLOSURE: Voluntary; however, failure to furnish the requested information may prevent the Agency from being able to direct meeting notices or provide additional information to commenters.



8/20/2021

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Dear MKARNS MP Planner, Natural Resources Management Section:

I have enjoy living on Dardanelle Bay for the last 27 years, the tubers and skiers in the summer, fishermen in the fall and spring, the pelicans and glorious sunsets in the winter.

As you will see from the enclosed documents I would very much like to place a boat dock at or near monument [REDACTED]. My property line adjoins public land for [REDACTED] of this monument. A Master Plan that includes shoreline use permits for boat docks in the shoreline management program would be appreciated.

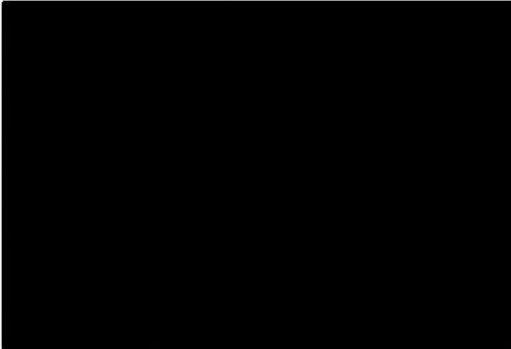
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Sincerely,



Enclosers: Shoreline Use Permit Request Form, Copy of boat registration, Copy of boat insurance, Description of the location of the dock (Drawing on Aerial Photo)

I have received several bounce-back emails and I am following up with USPS mail to ensure my request was received.



Appendix E
Agency Scoping Comments

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CESWL-MKARNSMasterPlanRevision](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] AHPP Tracking Number 69417.02_COE_McClellan-Kerr Master Plan Revision
Date: Monday, July 26, 2021 10:37:38 AM
Attachments: [69417.02-COE McClellan-Kerr Master Plan Revision Multiple Counties.pdf](#)

Good morning,

Attached is the AHPP letter regarding the MKARNS master plan revision. We look forward to receiving a draft master plan for review. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
1100 North Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

ArkansasPreservation.com





Asa Hutchinson
Governor
Stacy Hurst
Secretary

July 13, 2021

[Redacted]

ATTN: NRM Planner
Department of the Army
Little Rock District, Corps of Engineers
Post Office Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867

RE: Multiple Counties –General
Section 106 Review – COE
Public Comment – McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS) Master
Plan
USACE Permit Application Number – SWL 1993-00198-14
AHPP Tracking Number 69417.02

Dear [Redacted]:

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP) reviewed the public notice for the above-referenced master plan for the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS) in Arkansas. There are many known cultural and historic resources along the Arkansas River and anticipate aiding the United States Corps of Engineers (USACE) in identifying those that may be affected by USACE undertakings in the future. We look forward to receiving the master plan for our review.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this undertaking. Please refer to the AHPP Tracking Number listed above in all correspondence. If you have any questions, please call [Redacted] of my staff at [Redacted].

Sincerely,

[Redacted]

cc: [Redacted] Arkansas Archeological Survey

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ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Wes Ward
Secretary of Agriculture

MEMORANDUM

TO: [REDACTED] State Clearinghouse [REDACTED]

FROM: [REDACTED] Technical Review Committee [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: # 3167 Environmental Assessment
Little Rock District, Corps of Engineers
McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System Master Plan

DATE: July 7, 2021

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Order of Review

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- Comments Attached
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- Non-Degradation Certification Issues (Applies to ADEQ Only)

Name (Print) [redacted] Date June, 15, 2021

Agency [redacted] Phone Number [redacted]



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Name (Print) [redacted] Date 6/8/2021
Agency ARDOT Phone Number [redacted]



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Name (Print) [redacted] Date *6/7/21*

Agency *ADA, NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION* Phone Number _____



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Name (Print) [redacted] Date *6/21/21*

Agency *ADA, NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION* Phone Number _____

From: [Redacted]
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] MKARNS Master Plan
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 1:09:21 PM

[Redacted]

Thank you for your request for consultation. At this time the Caddo Nation has no objection or further comment. However, in the event that any projects cause disturbance to potentially relevant cultural sites or human remains occur, we would need to be notified ASAP.

Best regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Caddo Nation of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 487
Binger, OK 73009
(405) 656-0970 Ext. 2070

[Redacted]





IN REPLY REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Arkansas Ecological Service Field Office
110 South Amity Road, Suite 300
Conway, Arkansas 72032



July 19, 2021

Col. Eric M. Noe
Attn: MKARNS MP Planner
Natural Resources Management Section
USACE, Little Rock District
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Dear Colonel Noe:

This letter is in response to your call for preliminary scoping comments regarding the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS) Master Plan revision and Environmental Assessment. Our comments are in accordance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA) (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661-667e.), the Endangered Species Act (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

At this point in the scoping phase of the planning process, we do not have any specific comments or suggestions regarding the management of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) resources along the 308 miles of the MKARNS within the Little Rock District. Since the adoption of the last Master Plan(s) in the 1970's, there have been many changes regarding our knowledge of federally listed threatened and endangered species as well as changes to the listing status of many species. We recommend that you use our Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) online tool to develop a species list for the properties included within this Master Plan. This will help you plan for future management decisions and aid you in meeting your Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 consultation obligations once specific actions are proposed. The tool can be accessed at <https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/>.

In addition to the information currently contained within IPaC, you should be aware that this tool is constantly updated as we gain new information about listed species or to reflect species status changes. An example includes new data regarding the range of reproductive Indiana Bats (*Myotis sodalis*). Recent tracking studies have shown this species to range much farther than originally documented from their winter hibernacula (caves) to summer maternity roosts (trees). Addition of this data to IPaC may increase the areas within Arkansas where effects to this species should be considered, including Corps properties not currently within the assumed range. Regular use of IPaC or consultation directly with our staff will provide you access to the most recent information.

We look forward to working with the Corps to help develop and review upcoming drafts of the MKARNS Master Plan revision and working with you to meet your ESA obligations. If you have any questions about IPaC or any other questions, please contact [REDACTED]



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Name (Print) [redacted] Date June, 15, 2021
Agency [redacted] Phone Number [redacted]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CESWL-MKARNSMasterPlanRevision](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Environmental Assessment for the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System Master Plans
Date: Monday, August 2, 2021 2:57:03 PM
Attachments: [Comment Letter - MKARNS Master Plans and EAip.pdf](#)

Dear [REDACTED]:

In an effort to support COVID-19 prevention actions, the NEPA 309 program is sending correspondence electronically to entities under electronic signature.

Please find attached the electronic version of the comment letter to your solicitation of views on the intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment for the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System Master Plans.

If there are questions or if the electronic signature/document does not meet your requirements, please let me know. Thank you.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1201 Elm Street, Suite 500 (ORACN)
Dallas, Texas 75270-2102



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July 30, 2021

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Little Rock District
ATTN: NRM Planner
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

To Whom It May Concern:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed your solicitation of views on the intention to revise the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS) Master Plans and to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) of the potential impacts of the revised Master Plans. Our review is provided pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500 – 1508), and our NEPA review authority under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is revising the MKARNS Master Plans, which were last updated 45 years ago, to bring them into compliance with current USACE policies and regulations, identify usage trends and customer needs, and balance land and riverbank uses with natural resource management.

EPA is offering the following comments for your consideration:

EPA recommends that the EA provide a detailed discussion of ambient air conditions (baseline or existing conditions), National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and non-NAAQS pollutants, criteria pollutant nonattainment areas, and potential air quality impacts of the proposed project. Such an evaluation is necessary to understand the potential impacts from temporary, longterm, or cumulative degradation of air quality.

EPA recommends the EA describe and estimate air emissions from potential construction, maintenance and operation activities, as well as proposed mitigation measures to minimize those emissions. EPA recommends an evaluation of the following measures to reduce emissions of criteria air pollutants and hazardous air pollutants (air toxics):

- Existing Conditions – EPA recommends the EA provide a detailed discussion of ambient air conditions, National Ambient Air Quality Standards, and criteria pollutant nonattainment areas in the vicinity of the project.

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We appreciate the opportunity to review this notice of intent to revise the MKARNS Master Plans and to prepare an EA of the potential impacts of the revised Master Plans. If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Office of Communities, Tribes and
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Name (Print) [redacted] Date 6/8/2021
Agency ARDOT Phone Number [redacted]

From: [REDACTED]
To: CESWL-MKARNSMasterPlanRevision@USACE.ARMY.MIL
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Master Plan Comment
Date: Friday, June 11, 2021 2:40:46 PM

While reclassifying MKARNS lands, please keep in mind the planned I-49 crossing of the MKARNS near Barling Arkansas approximately between Nav Mile 291.3 and 291.7
Thanks

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Environmental Division-Natural Resources Section
Arkansas Department of Transportation
10324 I-30 P.O. Box 2261
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CESWL-MKARNSMasterPlanRevision](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Southwestern Power Administration Comments on MKARNS Master Plan Update
Date: Friday, July 30, 2021 3:22:12 PM
Attachments: [MKARNSMasterPlanUpdate_SWPAComments_07302021-signed.pdf](#)
[MKARNSMasterPlanUpdate_CorpsLetter_06032021.pdf](#)

Attached are the comments of Southwestern Power Administration regarding the revision of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System Master Plan (Master Plan) and the preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) by the Little Rock District, US Army Corps of Engineers. Southwestern appreciates the opportunity to provide comments.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about our comments.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Division of Resources and Rates

[Southwestern Power Administration](#)

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Southwestern Power Administration
One West Third Street
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103-3502

July 30, 2021

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District
ATTN: NRM Planner
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First and foremost, any updates made to the Master Plan should not negatively impact current hydroelectric power operations at the Ozark and Dardanelle projects. Hydroelectric power is one of the original Congressionally authorized purposes of the projects, and Southwestern applies the power sales revenues collected each year to repaying the U.S. taxpayers' original investment and ongoing reinvestment, plus interest, as well as annual operation and maintenance costs for the Ozark and Dardanelle hydroelectric power plants and for an allotted portion of the joint-use infrastructure and project facilities. Therefore, other project uses should not receive additional benefits to the detriment of hydroelectric power.

Your letter notes that the Master Plan "guides the management of government-owned and leased lands around the river." The Master Plan should also explicitly state that it does not address water control plans, water releases, or issues related to lake levels of projects on the MKARNS or upstream projects that release water into the MKARNS. It should further explain that individual project water control manuals dictate the water management at each project.

Southwestern appreciates the opportunity to provide input for the revision of the Master Plan and preparation of an EA. If you have any questions or comments, please contact [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Division of Resources and Rates

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CESWL-MKARNSMasterPlanRevision](#)
Cc: vfloriani@littlerock.gov
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 4:42:05 PM
Attachments: [21-6-65675.pdf](#)
[Enviromental Review Little Rock.AR.docx](#)

[REDACTED]
USACE, Planner Operations Division
Little Rock District Corps of Engineering
PO Box 867
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RE: McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System Master Plan

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for contacting FEMA for information in reference to your questions pertaining to the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System Master Plan Revision. Please review our attached response.

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RE: McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System Master Plan Revision

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We have no comments to offer. We offer the following comments:

WE WOULD REQUEST THAT THE COMMUNITY FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR BE CONTACTED FOR THE REVIEW AND POSSIBLE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PROJECT. IF FEDERALLY FUNDED, WE WOULD REQUEST PROJECT TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH EO11988 & EO 11990.

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Corps seeks input on McClellan-Kerr Master Plan

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is revising the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System's Master Plan and is seeking public input regarding land classifications around the river.

The public and agency scoping comment period will run from June 14 to July 30, 2021.

Scoping is the process of determining the scope, focus and content of the master plan update documents. For a planning process such as the master plan revision, the scoping process is used as an opportunity to get input from the public and resource agencies about the vision for the master plan update and the issues that the master plan should address where possible.

The master plan guides management of government lands maintained by USACE along the MKARNS. It can also impact future management of natural resources and recreation opportunities to ensure the sustainability of the navigation system.

The planning process includes an analysis of potential effects on the natural and social environ-

ment, including fish and wildlife, recreation opportunities, economics, land use, cultural and historical resources, aesthetics and public health and safety.

Because of the evolving federal, state and local policies designed to address the spread of COVID-19, USACE will not hold in-person public scoping workshops at this time. All comments will be taken via an online submission form, through regular mail and fax.

To find out more about the master plan revision and to submit a comment, please visit the MKARNS Master Plan webpage at <https://go.usa.gov/xHvp3>.

Navigation system deadline extended Volunteers swell for spring cleanup

by Ashton Eley | July 18, 2021 at 2:43 a.m.



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deadline extended

LITTLE ROCK – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has extended the time allotted for public input to Aug. 13 for the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System’s Master Plan revision, according to a news release.

The master plan covers the classifications of all the federal land along the river within Arkansas’ borders. The Corps’ Little Rock district is looking to revise the 40-year-old plan with the consideration of factors such as environmental and socioeconomic, recreation trends and public input, project manager Dana Coburn has said.

This revision will determine what the lands look like through the next 20-30 years.

The comment period was extended because of unforeseen circumstances, according to the July 12 news release from the Corps.

“The extension will ensure full public participation and allow the public more time to send in their responses,” the release stated.

This first round of public input is part of the initial phase in which the Corps will decide scope, focus and content of the master plan updates.

No in-person workshops are being held for this phase, but comments can be submitted via an online submission form at www.swl.usace.army.mil, through regular mail, email and fax.

Volunteers swell

for spring cleanup

LITTLE ROCK -- More than twice as many Arkansans picked up trash and debris during this spring’s Great American Cleanup than during both 2020 initiatives, according to the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission.

During 309 events across the state, 8,394 volunteers removed 241,865 pounds of litter, according to a Thursday social media post by the commission, a division of the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism.

Each spring from March through May, Arkansas participates in Keep America Beautiful’s Great American Cleanup, the nation’s largest community improvement effort. The commission also promotes an annual fall campaign, the Great Arkansas Cleanup.

Organizers canceled some 2020 events because of covid-19, but 4,157 volunteers still cleaned up 153,314 pounds of litter during 212 events last year, according to the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission website.

This spring’s cleanup crews also outnumbered 2019’s count of about 7,000 volunteers.

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"This year it seems like people are more anxious to get outdoors and get things looking clean, green and beautiful again," Robyn Taylor, volunteer program manager, said in April during the cleanup.

This spring, volunteers also removed 1.02 million pounds of bulky waste along with the litter from 742 miles of roadside, 139 miles of waterway and shorelines, and 226 acres of parks and public areas. Volunteers collected 3,834 tires and recycled 20,254 pounds of electronics while planting 500 trees, shrubs and flowers.

Together, Arkansans put in 50,354 hours – the equivalent of about five years and eight months – toward cleaning up their communities.

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Fishermen steaming over lost access at Dardanelle Dam

Fishing below the Arkansas River Dam at Dardanelle has for years been a passion not only for local anglers, but for fishermen from all over the state as well.

It is, or in this case was, big business not only for the local economy but for tackle outlets from Dardanelle, Russellville, and even Atkins. Some businesses have even closed due to the lack of cat-fishermen coming to the area and due to lack of access, which encompasses a whole other set of problems.

I have received more phone calls, texts, emails, and personal conversations over this one subject in the last two months than anything else in the history of me writing this column for the Courier.

Snaggers and folks who go to the Dam site to catch bait are the most affected as the areas where they snag from and catch bait have both been completely closed off for no apparent reason other than a decision was made to do just that.

So my first call was to one of my good friends and a fellow

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fisherman who just happens to be the Mayor of Dardanelle. Mayor Jimmy Witt lit up when I called and told him of my subject. His very first comment was that it has affected all types of local businesses. He acknowledged that

the city of Dardanelle has lost tax revenues both from the fishermen not coming in groves as in the past, but also from the lack of access to the park for campers, which unbelievably is still closed from the flood we had in 2019.

Mayor Witt said that some work has been done but there is still no access and no timetable for completion from the Corps of Engineers. He also let me know that he has repeatedly tried to get access for fishermen back to normal and has personally spoken with three different Corps of Engineers personnel with no luck.

To add insult to injury, the folks who still try to go down to the dam to fish at all have to walk in

as the gate remains closed and there is no vehicle access. Have any of you been outside lately? 110-degree heat index and folks having to walk to a park that our tax dollars helped create and build.

My grandfather spent some time on that dam during its construction and he, just like many of us, loved to fish and was proud of that dam and the area around it. We made several trips there throughout my childhood years and it is a shame that future generations are being denied access because someone doesn't want folks fishing there?

To me, ridiculous would be an understatement, and for those of you who read my column regularly I am seeking a bit of help. Below is an excerpt from the Corps of Engineers website about the Lake Dardanelle Dam site.

"Constructed under the supervision of the Corps of Engineers' Little Rock District, Lake Dardanelle and Winthrop Rockefeller Lake comprise one of the most accessible and attractive recreation areas in Arkansas. With nearly 40,000 acres of boating

and fishing waters and rimmed by choice picnic and camping areas, it is the ideal leisure-time destination."

Well is that right? Most accessible? Seems to me folks have little to no access and they would like it back.

So what can you do to help out our fellow fishermen and friends who like to camp and spend time at the Corps of Engineers Park on the Dardanelle side?

Make some calls, send some emails but – most importantly – the Corps of Engineers website says please visit our website. "We want to hear from you!" They have a place for current up to date information and comments as their public meetings this year are still online due to COVID-19.

<https://go.usa.gov/xHvVj> will get you where you need to go to leave your comments.

Hopefully if we all do our part to make folks understand that some decisions that are seemingly harmless and save someone a little bit of work, actually have drastic and lasting impacts on our economy and surrounding communities.